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January 28, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Three Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-five 04/100 Dollars ($3,685.04/100.) in Gold Coin, and Seventy-three 73/100 Dollars ($73.73/100.) in Silver Coin, making a total of Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-eight 77/100 Dollars ($3,758.77/100.) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum dated January 24, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

January 28, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Jany 24, 1890. of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 17, dated Dec. 31, 1889, has been received, and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $3,767.46/100, charges $8.69/100, and net value $3,758.77/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railway Co. for the transportation in the Month of September 1889, from Chicago Ills. to Council Bluffs of Mint Supplies, amounting to $1.52 consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Wages and Contingent Expenses of your Office, fiscal year 1890. Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similiar letters, with exceptions here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

August 1889
$2.18
Contingent Expenses of your Mint

Chicago Rock Island and Pacific
August 1888
$2.88
Contingent Expenses of your Mint
1889

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Chicago Rock Island and Pacific

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October 1888 New York City
to Council Bluffs $11.30,
Contingent expenses of your office
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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Chicago Rock Island and Pacific
Months of August & October, 1888,
New York and Chicago to Council Bluffs
$8.31
Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1889,

January 28th 1890.

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Telegram Confirmed.

State by wire at close of business on 29th instant Cost of local purchases of Silver in January.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram Sent to:

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

January 28, 1890

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:
In reply to your letter of the 24th instant you are authorized to purchase such a quantity

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of ink as may be found necessary for use in your office.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 28, 1890.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:
The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
5000 Deposit cards.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Jan. 28, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:

Upon examination of your bullion account for the quarter ending September 30, 1889, I find that the silver assay reports have not been received.

You will please forward the same at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 28, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:
Referring to your calendar year statement

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of Domestic Production #61, I find you do not credit Dakota with any production while your statement for August gives that State a production of 1,151.491 Tr. ozs gold and 205.85 Tr. ozs silver.

Should not these amounts be credited to Idaho? If so please forward a corrected report as soon as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, relative to the records of the Mint stored at the Post Office building, I would say that of course for the present you will hold the key to the room where these records are stored, but before submitting the question to the Department, relative to the custody of that room and the vaults therein I would submit that it would be much more desirable if the records of the Mint could be kept in the Mint itself. It seems to me that some room might be fitted up in the Mint building where these records could be stored. The advantage and propriety of having the records of the Mint kept in the building where access to them could readily obtained is so apparent that I need not enlarge upon it.

I do not believe that the vaults in the Post Office will be required for storage purposes by the Mint in the near future. The new vault in the Mint in which they are

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now storing silver dollars will hold on a pinch at least sixty million dollars and the other vaults in your Mint which could be used for a similar purpose will hold at least twenty millions more, so that it would require an addition of fifty million silver dollars provided no other vaults were built in your mint before the storage capacity would be exhausted.

I will wait until I hear from you on this subject before I submit the question as to the final disposition of the room and the vaults in the Post Office to the Department.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director

January 28, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 24th instant in reference to the disallowances for overpayments to the United States Express Company in May June and July, in which you state that the same cannot be reckoned among the expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1889, I desire to call your attention to the fact that the amount of the overpayments in May [$25.00] and which were paid in June, were reckoned in the expenditures for the last fiscal year, and inasmuch as the bill for freight in June was not paid until July I can see no reason why the same should not be in the expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1889.

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You state that the overcharges in July footed up twenty-two dollars [$22.00] instead of fifty-nine dollars [$59.00], the sum disallowed. While it is true that the over-charges for the month of July were only twenty-two dollars, the over-charges for June were thirty-seven dollars [$37.00], which makes up the fifty-nine dollars disallowed for the quarter ended September 30th.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Medal Fund Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending December 31, 1889.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

January 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
1000 Lists of Medals #147.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Prof. S. P. Langley,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 24th inst. relative to the preparation of an intaglio head of Professor Henry, for a seal, I would say that it will afford me pleasure to serve the institution in the matter referred to, which I will immediately proceed to do.

My information is that nothing has been done at the Mint in regard to the engraving of the head for the seal. The matter seems to have been neglected, but I will at once see that it is taken up and pushed to completion.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

January 28, 1890.

George Rutledge Gibson, Esq.,
55 Broadway, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th inst, relative to the amount of Silver bullion which the bank of England can hold, I would say that I was led into error in the interview as published from the wording of "Hankey on Banking, page 86 in which he states that one fifth of the amount could be silver. The fact is that the Bank cannot hold silver bullion exceeding one-fourth part of the gold which of course would be one-fifth of the entire holdings.

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The language of the act is not very clear on this point, but my impression is that only an amount equal to one-fourth of the gold holding or one-fifth of the entire specie holdings may be silver bullion.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 28, 1890.

J. W. Sylvester Esq'r.,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Dear Mr. Sylvester:

Absence from the city on official business has prevented me from answering your letter of the 23rd. inst. before. The Secretary would be pleased to see the bill as you have it with the additional sections. If you will forward it to me I will return it.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director

January 28, 1890.

Gen. O. H. La Grange,
55 Wall St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear General:

Acknowledging the receipt of two communications from you recently in which you speak with approval of the bill of the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to silver, I would say that I have been very much pleased with your remarks on that subject, and that I

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have read both of your letters to the Secretary who was very much gratified at their contents.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Hon. Charles Tracey,
House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Tracey:

Do not think that I have forgotten or neglected the matter of the bill that you handed me for new designs for our coins. I have been very busily engaged with the Secretary in the preparation of the silver bill and other public measures so that I have been unable to attend to the matter you left with me, but I shall do so in the course of a few days and will send you a report.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

January 28, 1890.

Hon. George Hearst
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request I hand you herewith a statement showing the approximate production of gold in California from 1849 to 1877 inclusive.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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January 29, 1890

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1000000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 29, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Central Pacific (Southern Pacific Co.) Railway Co., for the transportation in the months of July & August 1889, from San Francisco to Reno & return of Mint Supplies & acid Tanks, amounting to $288.95, Consigned to your care, payable from the appropriations for Parting and Refining bullion $280.90 and Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1890, $8.05.

Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted to same address:

+ + two accounts + + August & September 1889 + Ogden to Reno and from Reno to San Francisco + + $91.59 + + + $82.13 + + $9.47. + + + +

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:
The official bonds of Ralph C. Webster, Clerk, and Michael E. Devine, Watchman of your Mint have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to the First Comptroller's Office for file.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

January 29, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:
The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
50 M & R's working sheets.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

2000 Warrant Clerk's records of Bar numbers.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

1000 Assayer's Reports on Silver Ingots #78.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 28th instant you are authorized to procure bone earth from any party who will furnish a satisfactory article noting on the bill this letter as your authority for purchasing outside of the contract.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 29, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 27th instant you are authorized to purchase from Henry Troemner, for the use of the Coiner's department of your mint one six-foot standard balance and one improved four-foot balance, both balances to be made of the best material and with all the latest improvements, at a net cost of $2,200. Mr. Troemner will render his bill for the net amount as stated.

You are also authorized to purchase from Mr. Troemner a special coin balance, 36-inch beam, for the use of the Cashier, the bill for the same to be made out for the net amount as indicated above.

The old balances you will deliver to Mr. Troemner when the new ones are furnished and put in place by him.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:
I have requested the Superintendent of the Coast Survey to furnish a set of standard weights for the assay department of your institution, as follows:
One gramme and divisions to half a milligramme, also one one-hundred gramme weight.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 29, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Reduce purchasing rate for silver to ninety-seven and a half cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director.

January 29, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:
I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars, ($1000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram
Confirmed

January 29th, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

No daily statement for fourteenth instant received. What was your Silver dollar coinage that day? One Million placed to your credit at New York to-day.

E. O. Leech
Director.

January 29, 1890.

Hon. J. H. Walker, M.C.
House of Representatives,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Absence from the city has prevented me from submitting sooner my views in regard to the bill which you introduced to discontinue the coinage of gold pieces of less denomination than five dollars, and also the three cent nickel piece.

I would say that I prefer the bill introduced this session in the House by Mr. McKenna, of California at my request, and in the Senate by Senator Jones, of Nevada. The only difference is that your bill provides for the abolishment of the quarter-eagle, which mine does not.

The objections to the coinage of the $3, and $1 gold pieces do not apply with equal force to the quarter-eagle.

With regard to the three-dollar gold piece it may be said that it serves no useful purpose, and that its coinage has been limited to a few proof coins sold at a profit by the Mint to numismatic societies and coin collectors.

The objections to the one-dollar gold piece are

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that it is too small for circulation and that the pieces issued annually, are mutilated and used almost exclusively for ornament.

The same objections do not apply to the $2.50 gold piece.

I am in favor of the use of gold coin as a circulating medium as far as practicable, and as you are well aware, in Europe gold coins corresponding in value to the $2.50 gold piece circulate freely and form a large portion of the media of exchange. It is true that the use of small gold coins in this country, especially in the east, for business purposes is not popular, paper money being so convenient. But such is not the case on the Pacific Coast. In that section of the country the $2.50 gold piece circulates freely, and forms a large portion of the circulating medium. I do not think it would be wise to discontinue by law the coinage of this piece, but would prefer to limit its coinage, as is now done, by Treasury regulation, to the actual demand on the part of the public.

In regard to the three-cent nickel piece, it is an absolute nuisance. It is so nearly of the size and appearance of the ten-cent silver piece that it is easily mistaken for it, much to the annoyance of the people, who receive it with reluctance.

Although minor coins are distributed from the mint at Philadelphia to any portion of the United States free of cost for transportation, the total coinage of the three-cent nickel piece last year amounted to only $132.30, most of the pieces being struck for minor coin proof sets, showing that there is no demand for this piece, and that it is avoided by the business public.

The bill introduced by Mr. McKenna was drawn

up by me with some care, and, as I said at the outset, I prefer it to the one introduced by you, although it is practically the same, with the exception that in my bill the $2.50 gold piece is still allowed to be coined.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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George G. Evans, Esq. Publisher,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward for the use of this Bureau two [2] copies of your last edition of the "History of the United States Mint," transmitting your account for the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 29, 1890.

B. Westermann & Co.
838 Broadway, Letter Box 2306,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please renew the subscriptions of the Bureau of the Mint to the following periodicals from the date of the expiration of subscriptions:

Petermann's Geogr. Mittheilungen, Jahrbücher fur Nationalökonomie, Monatshefte zur Statistik des d. Reichs;
London Mining World;
London Economist;
Bankers' Magazine;
Journal of the Statistical Society;

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Économiste Français;
Journal des Économistes.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 29, 1890.

J. C. Mendenhall, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Coast Survey,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish for the use of the assay department of the United States Mint at Philadelphia a set of standard weights, as follows:

One gramme and divisions to half a milligramme, also one one hundred gramme weight.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 29, 1890.

Genl. Geo. B. Williams
Atty. Southern Pacific Co.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

The following described bills of the Central Pacific rail-road have been approved and referred for payment since my last letter of notification:

One bill for transportation in July and August 1889 amounting to $288.95. One for transportation in the Month of August $82.12 and one for transportation in August and September amounting to $9.47. The supplies were all consigned to the U. S. Mint, Carson, except two shipments of Acid Tanks returned from there to the Works at San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

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Telegram. First National Bank,
Las Vegas,
New Mexico.

Has Mr. Reynolds received any dispatch? Am awaiting his reply. He was recommended by Mr. Joseph, the Delegate from your territory.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

January 30, 1890.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your official bond, bearing date January 22nd 1890, as Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo., has been approved by the acting Secretary of the Treasury and will to day be filed in the Office of the First Comptroller.

Please find your commission herewith enclosed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

January 30, 1890.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Certificate of gold deposit No. 610 is herewith returned for the receipt of the proper person.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-seven and one half cents per ounce troie.

E. O. Leech
Director.

January 30, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. Mint
Philadelphia.

Put in new vault all silver dollars in Mint not needed for current business.
When dollars from Post-office are stored, give Butler pair of scales to weigh into one compartment, if it will expedite work.

E. O. Leech
Director.

January 30, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I telegraphed you to day to the effect that I desire all the silver dollars in the Mint which are not needed for current business to be stored in the new vault. My idea is to place in this vault all the dollars that we can spare, under the joint seal of the Treasurer of the United States, yourself and myself, in the hope that in any future changes of officers, or settlements or weighings of any kind, it will not be necessary to touch this vault.
I have instructed the gentlemen representing the Department in regard to the sealing of the

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compartments and of the vault itself, when the storage is finished. So that you will place in this vault the silver dollars now stored in other vaults in the Mint, including those under the seal of Mr. Preston, and when the weighing and storage is all finished the vault will be sealed on the outside as well as the compartments, and it is not to be disturbed. This will give you the other vaults in your Mint for the storage of dollars hereafter coined.

If it would expedite the work, I desire you to furnish a pair of Troemner balances so that Mr. Butler can weigh into one compartment while Major Meline weighs into another. It seems to me that the work might be expedited considerably in this way although I have no fault to find with the manner in which it has been conducted up to date.

You might confer with Mr. Butler and Major Meline on the subject.

I would like the work finished if possible before the meeting of the Assay Commission.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director.

January 30, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following named gentlemen were appointed by the President as Commissioners to test and examine the weights and fineness of the Coins received during the calendar year 1889:

Coins

Hon. John P. Jones, Committee on Finance, United States Senate.
Hon. Edwin H. Conger, Chairman Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, House of Representatives.
Hon. H. L. Dodge, San Francisco, Cal.
Hon. William A. Jackett, Saratoga Springs, New York.
General Francis A. Walker, President Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass.
W. D. Wheeler, Esq., Montana.
General William Lilly, Mauch Chunk, Pa.
Prof. William W. Folwell, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.
Prof. Daniel W. Fisher, President Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.
Hon. Austin Blair, Jackson, Michigan.
Byron Reed Esq., Omaha, Nebraska.
Prof. Thomas Price, San Francisco.
Hon. John Jay Knox, New York.
Prof. George F. Barker, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
Prof. T. C. Mendenhall, Supt. Coast and Geodetic Survey.
Eliot C. Jewett Esq., Saint Louis.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

January 30, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have before me the argument of a Loudon Snowden, before the Coinage Committee of the House, on February 15th, 1882, in relation to the enlargement of the Mint at Philadelphia, and also the bill reported from the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures recommending the purchase of the ground west of the Mint, extending to Broad Street, covering an area of 100 feet front on Chestnut St., and extending north on Broad St. some 200 feet.

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I understand that this ground has since been purchased and built on, preventing it from ever becoming available for Government purchase. Please let me know exactly in regard to it and about what was paid for it, if you can without much trouble.

E. O. Leech
Director.

January 30, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. enclosing one from Mr. Barber, the Engraver of your mint, relative to the engraving of the head of the late Professor Henry for a seal for the Smithsonian Institution, I would say that I desire the work pushed as rapidly as practicable but of course not to interfere with the Joseph Francis medal. I have informed Professor Langley of the Smithsonian institution that we hope to have the head finished some time next month.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th inst., relative to the storage of Mint records, I would say that I conferred with the Supervising Architect

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on the subject and there will probably be no objection to your keeping the key of the room in the Post-Office for the present.

If any question should arise in regard to it by the Post Office people the Supervising Architect will let me know before making any decision in the case.

Very respectfully yours.
E. O. Leech
Director.

January 30, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Saint Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your register of deposits for the quarter ended December 31, 1889, has been received.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 30, 1890.

Hon. Charles Tracey,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

I have carefully examined House Bill No. 3895, 1st Session, 51st Congress to amend section 3510 of the Revised Statutes of the United States and to provide for new designs of authorized devices of the United States coins.

The bill is similar to the one introduced in the Senate by Mr. Morrill, in the 1st Session of the 50th Congress (Senate Bill 2382) at the request of the Director of the Mint, my predecessor, and is also similar to the bill reported favorably from the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, January 12, 1889.

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Notwithstanding the fact that the device of the gold dollar was changed in 1854 from that of 1849, and the design of the silver dollar was changed in 1878 from that of 1866, and the design of the five-cent nickel piece was changed in 1867 from that of 1866, and again changed in 1883, without any specific authority of law other than as embodied in section 3510 R.S., yet when it was proposed by the Director of the Mint in April 1887, to invite new designs for the United States coins some doubt was raised as to the existence of any authority of law to change existing designs. The question was submitted to the Attorney General, and he decided under date of May 6, 1887, "the section therefore" "only authorizes the preparation of working dies" "by the engraver for existing coins which are now" "in circulation, and the clause as to the prepara-" "-tion of original dies by him is limited to" "new coins."

So that according to the opinion of the highest legal authority of the Government no power exists at present to change any of the existing coins and it is only in the case of new coins or devices authorized by law that any design can be adopted.

The designs on all of the present coins of the United States, except the silver dollar and the five-cent nickel piece, were adopted many years ago, in some cases fifty years ago, and many of them are far from artistic, and could be greatly improved upon.

While frequent changes in designs or devices of coins, which are used as instruments of exchange and measures of values in business transactions and should

therefore be well known and readily recognized are undesirable, still a proper national pride should inspire us to have a coinage in keeping from an aesthetic and artistic point of view with the nation's majesty and dignity, and which will be able to stand the test of criticism which is, or rather should be, applied in our day to the coins of a great, rich and cultured people. Our coins should not only have the requisite weight and fineness, but the entire mechanical execution including the preparation of artistic devices and engraved steel dies, should be up to a high standard of technic and artistic achievement.

While the mechanical execution of our coins, from the assaying and melting of the bullion to the final preparation of finished coins, leaves nothing to be desired the same cannot be said for the designs of the devices employed. From a mechanical point of view our coins compare favorably with those of any great commercial nation unless it be possibly the pieces of the German Empire Stamped since 1873. Viewed as works, not of mechanical but of fine art, however, the most that can be said of some of our coins is that they might be worse.

Nor is the desire that the coins of the United States should be not only mechanically but artistically perfect or at least of a high degree of merit, born of a weak or sickly sentimentalism. It is dictated by the sound maxim of political wisdom that whatever issues from the Nation, like whatever is used for the purposes of the Nation, should inspire the people with respect for the Nation, and serve, as far as is consistent

with the utilitarian object primarily intended, as an agent of political and artistic education.

The coins of a country have always been a reflex of the dominant character of the nation. The coins and medals of the Greeks have preserved to us the designs of certain celebrated statues of antiquity which otherwise would have been forever lost, as well as the effigies of some of the most renowned Grecian heroes.

My predecessor called attention to the artistic defects of our coins in his annual reports for the years 1887 and 1888 and strongly urged on Congress the necessity of appropriate legislation. Nor were his recommendations dictated by personal idiosyncrasies. His attention, he says, was frequently directed to the absence of all aesthetic qualities from the devices. But before his incumbency, notice had been taken of them in Congress by the present Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate in a speech in which the almost barbaric execution of the designs of our coins was held up to merited ridicule.

The bill introduced by Mr. Tracey, should it become a law, would, if its provisions were executed in the same spirit of laudable national pride that inspire them, give us a coinage worthy, from the standpoint of the beautiful, of the Government.

Since the bill provides that no change in the design or die shall be made oftener than once in twenty-five years, the only possible objection to the proposed law, viz:

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that a too frequent change of design is against public policy, is removed.

The bill has been carefully draughted and meets with my full approval and I earnestly trust it will become a law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 30, 1890.

Hon. Justin S. Morrill,
Chairman, Committee on Finance,
United States Senate.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 7th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting Senate bill No. 965 to establish an assay office at Portland, Oregon, and requesting a report from the proper officer of this Department as to the necessity and expediency of enacting the same into a law I have the honor to report as follows:

The present mint establishment of the United States consists of four coinage mints located respectively at Philadelphia, New Orleans, San Francisco and Carson City, Nevada, and six assay offices located respectively at New York, Saint Louis, Denver, Helena, Mont., Boise City, Idaho, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

As to the necessity for the establishment of an assay office at Portland, Oregon, it may be said, speaking generally, that there is no pressing necessity for the establishment of any additional assay offices in the United States, but the same remark would apply with equal truth to many of those already established.

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The advantages of a Government Assay Office in a precious-metal-producing section are twofold: first, in enabling miners to have their crude product run into bars with the stamp of weight and fineness of the Government assayer affixed, thus enabling them to find a more ready and profitable market, and second, in enabling the immediate producer of the precious metals to receive in coin the same value for his deposit of bullion, as soon as assayed, as he would if deposited at one of the coinage mints, the Government paying the cost of transporting the bullion to the Mint at Philadelphia for coinage.

If, in the judgment of Congress, it would seem desirable to establish any more Assay Offices in the United States, in my opinion the best place for the establishment of such an office would be somewhere in the new northwest territory, and Portland, Oregon, possesses special advantages in this regard. Located at the head of ship navigation, a large sea port, the terminus of trans-continental railroads, having connections by steamers on the Willimatic and Columbia rivers with many portions of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, and also with Puget Sound, British Columbia, Alaska and San Francisco, it is very suitably located for the receipt of bullion deposits from the surrounding mining sections, as well as from distant points having no mint facilities.

The product of gold from the mines of Oregon amounts annually to about $825,000. and of silver to $15,000, while the product of the precious metals in Washington amounts to about $250,000. annually, and in Alaska to

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nearly $1,000,000.
The precious-metal product of these sections is steadily on the increase, and while mining for the precious metals has become a leading industry it is not fully developed. The product of Oregon, as well as of Washington and Alaska, at present goes mainly to San Francisco for refining and sale. If an assay office should be established at Portland, undoubtedly it would attract almost the entire precious-metal product of the states of Oregon and Washington, and probably a large portion of the gold produced in Alaska.
Aside from the cost of site, building and equipment, the annual expenses connected with running a Government Assay Office of the character proposed would not be considerable, amounting probably to $10,000 a year, the cost here stated being based on the annual expenses of the assay office located at Boise City, Idaho.
The question of the necessity and propriety for such an office rests with Congress, and my object has been mainly to present such facts as may be useful in the committee in guiding them to a proper decision.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 30, 1890

Henry Troemner, Esq.,
710 Market St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
Please inform the bureau the lowest price

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at which you will furnish forty pairs of adjusting balances such as are used by the ladies in the Coiner's department for use in the mint at San Francisco, and what you will allow for forty pairs of adjusting scales now in use at that Mint.

The new scales are to be delivered boxed ready for shipment, to the Quartermaster General U.S.A. in Philadelphia, if ordered. Such disposition to be made of the old scales as you may direct.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 30, 1890.

Professor S. P. Langley
Smithsonian Institution.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my previous letter, in regard to engraving the head of the late Professor Henry for a seal for your institution, I would say, that it is hoped that the seal will be finished some time next month. It was necessary to lay the work aside in order to complete the Joseph Francis medal authorized by Congress, which, on account of the advanced age of Mr. Francis, I desired pushed to completion.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

January 30, 1890.

Gen. William Lilly,
Mauch Chunk, Pa.

Sir:

Your attention is directed to a communication

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from this bureau informing you of your appointment by the President as one of the Commissioners to test the coinage of the Calendar year 1889, and in which you were requested to signify your acceptance. As yet I have not received any word from you on the subject.

Very respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 30, 1890.

Telegram

B. H. Butler.
Philadelphia Mint.

Have telegraphed Superintendent to store all silver dollars in new vault and furnish you scales to weigh into one compartment while Meline weighs into another, if it will expedite work.

E. O. Leech
Director.

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Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver Colo.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau St. New York

Over

Jacob Newman,
New Orleans, La.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant returning three [3] Silver life-saving medals with the request that the eagle's head be burnished and attached like the sample furnished, and also that new ribbons and cases be supplied, I have the honor to hand you herewith the medals with the alterations made as requested, together with new cases. The sample medal and case are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 31, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the medal fund account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending December 31, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of February 1890, has been approved for the sum of $2200.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$800
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	1100
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	300

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

January 31, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday, relative to the storage of Silver dollars in the new vault, I presume that the letter from this bureau of yesterday is a sufficient answer, but that there may be no misunderstanding in the matter, I will repeat, that I desire all the Silver dollars now in the Mint not needed for current business, to be stored in the new vault, which will be sealed by representatives of three officers, both the Compartments and the vault itself, and the seal upon the outer door of the big vault is not to be broken for the present.

The future coinage will be stored in the vacant vaults. At some future time, some years hence possibly, it may be necessary to re-open the

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large vault, but we will put it off as long as possible. I desire that the coins stored under Gen. Preston's seal, in vault "F" be stored in the new vault, the object being, as you will understand, to have all the coin possible under the seal of three independent officers.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

January 31, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Medal Fund account for the Quarter ending December 31, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

January 31, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to purchase five reams of type-writing paper, as per sample enclosed, as requested in your letter of the 23rd instant.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. Austin Blair
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Sir:

On the 15th inst. I had the honor to address you a communication notifying you of your appointment by the President as one of the Commissioners to test the coinage of the calendar year 1889, the Commission to meet in Philadelphia on the 12th proximo, and requesting to be informed of your acceptance of the appointment. As I have not heard from you on the subject I thought that possibly the letter might have miscarried.

Will you please inform me whether it will be convenient for you to be present and serve on the Commission named.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

January 31, 1890.

Hon. A. M. Dockery
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 30th inst., inclosing a letter from Mr. Eric Helline asking as to the value of the Swedish Crown in American gold coin, on June 1, 1868, I have the honor to state as follows:

The crown was not coined in Sweden until 1875, in pursuance of the law of May 30, 1873. The value of the gold Crown of Sweden is $0.26.8 Mr. Helline says in his letter that he paid to "a fellow passenger on shipboard 216 Swedish Crowns June 1, 1868". I think there must be

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some mistake in the date, or else he must have given him some other money than Swedish Crowns. The gold coins of Sweden prior to 1873 were the Ducat, worth about $2.24, and the Caroline (10 francs) worth about $1.94, and the silver coin was the Rix Dollar, worth about $1.12.

I return herewith your letter, and also the communication from Mr. Heline, as requested.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

January 31, 1890.

William Strunk, Esq.,
Room 12, Lincoln Inn Court,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

The postal note for $3.10 enclosed in your letter of the 27th instant with the request that a silver and minor coin proof set for 1890 be sent you, is herewith returned as no proof sets for this year have been struck as yet, and with the information that application for the same should be made to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, when coined.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 1, 1890.

The Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 31st ult., you are informed that I made no recommendations looking to the increase of the

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Salaries of Officers of the Mint Service.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 1, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your bond as Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. has been approved by Secretary of the Treasury and filed in the Office of the First Comptroller.

Please find your commission, bearing date December the 20th, herewith enclosed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 21st ult. relative to procuring forty pairs of new adjusting balances for the Coiner's department of your mint, I enclose herewith a communication from Mr. Henry Troemner of Philadelphia on the subject.

If you are of the opinion that forty pairs of new adjusting scales are necessary, and are willing to pay the price mentioned in Mr. Troemner's letter, please communicate with me on the subject and I will see Mr. Troemner personally in regard to the balances.

I will say for your information that the expense must be paid from your contingent-

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appropriation, and if you think it will stand it, I am willing to approve the expenditure.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 1, 1890.

Hon. H. H. Bingham,
House of Representatives.

Dear General:

I would say for your information that House Bill No. 3910, introduced by you, to provide for the sale of the present site and mint building at Philadelphia and for the purchase of a suitable site and the erection of a building for the mint has not yet been referred to the Department by the Committee to which it was sent for report.

I have the report of the Superintendent and officers of the mint at Philadelphia on the subject, and my own report in regard thereto is about completed and as soon as the bill comes before the Department the Supervising Architect and myself will submit our reports to the Secretary and endeavor to have him recommend the measure favorably.

I call your attention to this matter thinking possibly it may have been overlooked in Committee.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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T. C. Mendenhall, Esqr.
Supt. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 1st. inst. asking for a list of the Members of the Assay Commission for 1890 and their addresses I would say that two of the members appointed have declined and I have not yet submitted the names of their successors to the President. As soon as I do so, and the Commission is completed, I will be pleased to furnish you with a list of them.

In regard to your other communication relative to the standard weights, I will communicate with you fully on the subject in a day or two.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 1, 1890.

George G. Evans,
1227 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The two copies of your history of the mint and the bill for the same have been received. Your bill will receive prompt attention.

In regard to the copy mailed Mr. Donaldson of the United States Senate there is no reason why you should not send him a bill for the same, as I gave him personally one of the copies of your book which you sent me and he is well able and expected to pay for the other.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Henry Troemner, Esq.
710, Market St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday, relative to adjusting balances for the Mint at San Francisco, I have communicated with the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco on the subject and will let you know later the decision of the Bureau.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram

Feby. 1, 1890.

B. F. Butler
Philadelphia Mint.

Suspend work until Monday and take noon train for Washington. Come direct to Treasury.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram

February 1, 1890.

Henry L. Dodge,
114 Market St.
San Francisco.

Will withhold final action until Wednesday. Telegraph Tuesday your declination or acceptance. Mailed some letters for you Friday.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz:

$10,000 - with First National Bank at Helena,
50,000 with Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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The First Comptroller
Treasury Department.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish me with a copy of the power of attorney of Wells, Fargo & Co., to E. T. Pierce, Agent, authorizing him to sign receipts for that company at the United States mint at Carson, Nevada.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Supt. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Coin two hundred thousand silver dollars and

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as many double eagles as you can in February with present force working regualar hours.

E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram Confirmed

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of Silver to ninety-seven and a half cents per ounce fine including 10-days purchases.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegram to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

July 3, 1890,

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Sixty Thousand Dollars ($60,000.-), and that $50000 of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and balance of $10,000. with First National Bank at Helena.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $2000.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$ 800.00
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	1000.00
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	200.00
		$ 2000.00

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

$5,700.00

Salaries,	1890,	$3000.
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	1900.
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	800.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

$472.20

Salaries	1890	$272.20
Wages of Workmen	1890	200.00
Contingent Expenses	1890	

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6000.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriations for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Febry 3d, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9750
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 80,000 Ounces, at $0.9755

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Handy & Harman, 150,000 Ounces, at $0.9750.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:
I will thank you to inform me when the army marksmanship medals ordered in April last may be expected, and what will be their probable cost.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 3, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:
You will please cause 1,700,000 silver dollars to be coined in February.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

+ + 1,000,000 + + + + +

February 3, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Coin six hundred thousand silver dollars in February.

E. O. Leech
Director.

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February 2, 1890.

John Coumbe, Esq.,
Rhinebeck, N.Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo you are informed that you cannot obtain the coins of the denominations requested for the years 1888 and 1889.

A bill is now pending in Congress for the repeal of the law authorizing the coinage of the three-dollar and one-dollar gold pieces and the three-cent nickel piece, and no coins of those denominations have as yet been struck and probably will not be pending the action of Congress on the repeal of the act authorizing their coinage.

You can, however, obtain from the mint coins of all other denominations for 1890. You should communicate with the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

The History of the United States Mint is published by Mr. George G. Evans of Philadelphia, and not by the Government.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

February 3, 1890.

Morton E. Glover, Esq.
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Your communication of the 16th ult. relative to a position in the San Francisco mint has been received and referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco.

The letters of recommendation are returned as requested.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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February 3, 1890.

H. G. Torrey, Esq.,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. recommending the Rev. Dr. Oliver Crane of Morristown, New Jersey, as a member of the Assay Commission, I would say that the Commission was appointed by the President on the 18th of last month.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 3, 1890.

M. M. Estee, Esq.,
International American Conference,
1801 "I" St.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your report to the Committee of the International American Conference, and to thank you for the same.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

Feby. 3, 1890.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver.

Your Offer of eighty thousand ounces accepted for New Orleans at ninety-seven and fifty five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director

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Feby. 3, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
57 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Handy & Harman.
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director.

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American Exchange, National Bank.
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
29, Wall Street
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 4, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Mint receipts Nos. 255 and 256 belonging to your bullion accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1889, are herewith returned for signature.

Very Respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 4, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to the sheets of silver purchases at your mint for the quarter ended December 31, 1889, I would say that it is not necessary or desirable that the purchases at different rates should be entered on separate sheets as it simply cumbers the accounts needlessly. You will

enter the purchases continuously by date of deposit, without any break upon change of purchasing rate.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 4. 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 4, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

As the rate of Sterling Exchange is rapidly advancing & and as strenuous efforts are still being made by the Bank of England to retain its gold, it is more than probable that the price of exchange on London may soon reach the shipping point, and another drain of gold from this country commence. In view of this not improbable event I would like you to consider carefully the provisions of the act of May 26, 1882 and let me have your views as to what would be best for the Government to do to prevent,

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so far as possible, the exportation of gold.
I will say that the act in question is now being carefully considered by the Solicitor of the Treasury with a view to a legal decision as to the power of the Secretary to refuse gold bars in exchange for gold coin.
In case that there is a demand at your institution for gold bars in exchange for gold coin, which bars are intended for export, before paying out such bars you will at once communicate with me by telegraph for instructions.
You will for the present treat this matter as confidential.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 4, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
In compliance with your request of the 30th ultimo I enclose herewith blank form of voucher upon which to render your bills for Life Saving Medals furnished the Department.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 4, 1890.

Hon. John P. Jones
United States Senate.

Dear Sir:
As requested I forward herewith a statement showing in pounds sterling the value of the silver imported into India each year from

1836 & 1889. An additional statement is enclosed showing the exports of Silver from London for a series of years.

When it is convenient for you I would like to see you for a few moments at my office on official business.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 4, 1890.

J. C. Meridenhall, Esq.
Supt. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ult. relative to testing the weights at the annual Assay Commission with some of the weights from your bureau I would say that I see no objection to trying the experiment suggested by you, as it would at least preclude any idea of collusion. But from an examination of the law, you will find that the Troy pound must remain the final arbiter of differences, if any are found.

I direct your attention to sections 3548 and 3549 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which contain the provisions of law relative to testing the weights used in the mint.

The practice of the Assay Commissioners, as I am informed, has been to test the copy of the Troy pound in use at the Mint by the original brass Troy pound procured in 1827, and to test the weights in use by the Copy of the Troy pound which is kept at the Mint for that purpose.

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It is not customary to handle the original pound, but simply to exhibit it to the members of the Commission, and after testing the copy from it, the original pound is not used or handled by the Commission, in order to prevent abrasion.

I will be glad to have all proper means taken to test the accuracy of the weights used in the Mint, but as the law distinctly provides that the coinage shall be regulated by the "Standard Troy pound" as I said, that must be the final arbiter in case of any differences.

The members of the assay Commission, so far as they have accepted the appointment, are as follows:

Hon. John P. Jones, Committee on Finance, United States Senate.
Hon. Edwin R. Conger, Chairman, Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, House of Representatives.
Hon. William A. Sackett, Saratoga Springs, New York.
Francis A. Walker, Esq., Pres't Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass.
W. D. Wheeler, Esq. Augusta Montana.
Gen. William Lilly, Mauch Chunk, Pa.
Prof. William W. Folwell, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.
Prof. Daniel W. Fisher, Pres't Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.
Byron Reed, Esq., Omaha, Nebraska.
Prof. Thomas Price, San Francisco, Cal.
John Jay Knox, Esq., New York.
Prof. George F. Barker, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
Prof. T. C. Mendenhall, Supt. Coast and Geodetic Survey.
Eliot C. Jewett, Esq., Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

As I mentioned, two of the gentlemen appointed, not included in the above list, have declined, and it is my intention to submit to the President, if the present unfortunate condition of affairs at the White House will permit, the names of two

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gentlemen to fill their places.
Will you be kind enough to inform me of the present address of Prof. B. A. Gould of Cambridge, Mass.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram

Bank of California,
San Francisco.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

February 5th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:
Replying to your letter of the 27th ultimo, you are informed that the information contained in the letters from this Bureau to which you refer is furnished to enable you to keep your accounts with the appropriations made for the support of your office. The fiscal year mentioned in each letter indicates the appropriation against which to make the charge.
A number of bills for transportation have recently been rendered, some payable from your balances for 1889, and others from the appropriation for the current year. Care should be observed in entering the amounts against the proper years.
The B/L are always enclosed with the letter and the date of shipment, as shown on these,

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determines the appropriation or fiscal year from which the account is paid.
In this connection I have to inform you that accounts for transportation of supplies for your office during the fiscal year 1889, aggregating nearly $25.00, have been referred to the accounting officers of the Department for payment from a deficiency bill hereafter to be obtained. In your expenditures for the current year it is hoped that this may be avoided. You should endeavor to leave a balance of at least $50.00 of your appropriation for "Wages and Contingent Expenses" to meet these bills for 1890 if any are outstanding at the close of the year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Febry 5, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending January 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

+ Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts +

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February 5, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I return herewith the bill for toilet paper enclosed in your letter of the 4th instant which you will pay from your appropriation for contingent expenses.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 5, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February 1890, has been approved for the sum of $22,560.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890	$3,500
Wages of Workmen,	1890	14,000
Contingent Expenses,	1890	5,000

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 5, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced to your

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the sum of $2,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, to meet, in part, the expenses of your mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 5, 1890.

Gen. S. V. Benet
Chief of Ordnance, War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant you are respectfully informed that it is expected that the dies for the Army Marksmanship medals ordered in April last will be completed early in March.

The cost of the medals cannot be approximated satisfactorily until a pattern piece can be struck, which will be done at the earliest date practicable, of which you will be duly advised.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby 6th 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty nine 21/100 Dollars ($10,739.21/100) in gold coin,

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and One Hundred and Sixty eight $\frac{17}{100}$ Dollars ($168.\frac{17}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven $\frac{38}{100}$ Dollars ($10,907.\frac{38}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum dated Feby. 3rd, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as to amounts, &, & same address:

Twelve Thousand and Seventy four $\frac{06}{100}$ Dollars ($12,074.\frac{06}{100}$)

One Hundred and Seventy-two $\frac{28}{100}$ Dollars, ($172.\frac{28}{100}$)

Twelve Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-six $\frac{34}{100}$ Dollars ($12,246.\frac{34}{100}$)

February 6, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for three (3) life-saving medals delivered to you on the 31st ultimo, mounting, cases and express charges, amounting to $37.93, for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted, under cover to this office, in favor of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, as early as practicable.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:
In compliance with your request of the 16th instant I transmit herewith a copy of the power of attorney from Wells, Fargo and Co., authorizing E. F. Pierce to sign in all transactions between the Mint at Carson and said company.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Confirmed.

Feby. 6, 1890.

Superintendent Mint,
Carson.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-seven and one quarter cents per ounce fine, including today's purchases.
Pay for silver contained in gold deposits eighty-seven cents per ounce standard.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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Feby. 6th 1890.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 6, 1890,

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $513.90 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1890	$213.90
Wages of Workmen,	1890	300.00
Contingent Expenses,	1890	

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

+ + + $10,000.00 + + + Mint + +

Salaries,	1890,	$ 3,000
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	6,000
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	1,000

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Febry 6th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:
Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by drafts on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:
Clark Dodge & Co., 150,000 Ounces, at $0.9726

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:
I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6000 from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars so much, in part, the expenses of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

Confidential

February 6, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
I find that you have in the neighborhood of $100,000 in Subsidiary Silver Coin on hand, and I would suggest that you instruct your Cashier to

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use all legitimate means to reduce this balance to a minimum. You are of course aware that all of the coin in your possession is carried as a portion of the general balance of the Treasury and that the subsidiary silver so carried, amounting in all to some twenty million dollars, is unavailable for the purchase of bonds and for many other purposes. It is desired by the Secretary to convert this unavailable asset as rapidly as possible into available assets. The means for doing this, so far as your mint is concerned will doubtless suggest themselves to your cashier.

Of course you will understand that no attempt should be made to force persons to take subsidiary silver who do not wish it, but I think your balance can be materially reduced without resorting to any compulsory measures.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, with exception here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

$391,000

February 6, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In future, in reporting the balance of silver

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on hand at the close of business on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week I will thank you to state the amount in fine ounces instead of standard ounces.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 6, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Feby. 3, 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 104 dated January 30, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $10,941.03/100, charges $33.65/100, and net value $10,907.38/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + + + + +
+ No. 105 + + + $12,280.43/100,
$34.09/100, + + $12,246.34/100 + + + +

Personal

February 6, 1890.

Hon. H. H. Bingham,
House of Representatives.

Dear General:

No communication has been received

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as yet from the Committee on Public Buildings in reference to your bill for a new mint at Philadelphia. I mention this again for the reason that I will be absent from the city attending the Annual Assay Commission in Philadelphia, about all of next week and as I have my report on the bill finished and in the hands of the Supervising Architect who is preparing his report I was in hopes to lay the matter before the Secretary and get a favorable recommendation before I left the city.

Without intending to annoy you about the matter knowing that you are interested in the proposition, I had thought that it might be well to mention this fact.

Very respectfully,
E. E. Leech
Director of the Mint

February 6, 1890.

Henry C. Baird Esq.
810 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 5th instant the estimated stock of gold and silver in the United Kingdom (including specie in the Bank of England and other banks) is, approximately, gold $550,000,000, silver $100,000,000.

This estimate is based on a comparison of official estimates on the part of the British Government communicated to this Bureau, with estimates of other well-known authorities.

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In reply to the interrogatory on the part of this Government the Deputy Master of the Royal Mint estimated the amount of gold in banks and in circulation on January 1, 1885, at £123,309,000, and silver £19,877,000.

Ottomar Haupt, in his Arbitrages et Parités, Paris 1887, page 49, places the stock of gold at £110,000,000, about 2,750,000,000 francs, and of silver 540,000,000 francs.

I enclose a table extracted from the Bankers' Magazine, London, for December, 1889, page 1565, which answers your second inquiry relative to the circulation of English, Irish and Scotch banks.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 6, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Messrs Colgate & Co.
29, Wall Street
New York.

Feby. 6, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
57 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 7, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to House bill 3910, authorizing the sale of the present site of the Mint at Philadelphia and the purchase of a new site and the erection of a new building for the mint in that city, I have the honor to present herewith my views in regard to the necessity and expediency of enacting the same into law.

The act establishing the mint of the United States was approved by President Washington April 2, 1792. The same year the structure for the mint, a plain brick edifice, was erected on Seventh Street near Arch in the city of Philadelphia. The following October the building was occupied for coinage purposes, and was so used for a period of over forty years. This was the first public building erected in the United States under the authority of the Federal Government.

By act of May 19, 1829, the mint was permanently located in Philadelphia, and the present mint edifice, which stands at the corner of Chestnut and Juniper streets on a lot

fronting 150 feet on Chestnut street and extending back 204 feet to Penn Square, was authorized. The corner stone was laid July 4, 1829, and the building was completed and occupied for coinage purposes in 1833. This building has been used continuously, without any material enlargement, for a period of 57 years, as the principal coinage institution of the United States, although the growth and coinage requirements of the country have long since outgrown its capacity. It will be remembered that this building was planned and erected 20 years before the discovery of gold in California, and nearly 40 years before the immense silver discoveries of Nevada. The product of the precious metals in the United States in 1833 was insignificant, the total product for the ten years 1834-1844 being only $7,750,000.

The present product approximates annually $100,000,000.

The coinage executed at the mint in 1833 was 10,370,700 pieces of the value of $3,765,710: the coinage of the same institution for the calendar year (1889) aggregated 94,012,194 pieces of the value of $24,804,854.84.

In addition to the coinage of gold and silver in common with the other mints of the United States, the mint at Philadelphia is the only institution in the United States authorized by law to execute minor coinage, the demand for which has become so pressing that for several years past the government has been obliged to buy the blanks ready for stamping, and for several months past nine large presses have been used exclusively in the stamping of minor coin.

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Moreover, the Mint at Philadelphia is the only one in the country which has connected with it an engraving department, where, by statutory requirement, the devices for our coins are engraved, and the dies both original and working, for all our Mints are made, and medals of a national character are executed.

The building was not planned with any idea of adaptation for many of the mechanical and metallurgical operations at present carried on in it. When it was erected many of the processes of metallurgy, now employed were unknown.

The area in the centre of the mint, originally intended for a stack through which the fumes of acid, smoke, etc., could pass off, is now filled to the very roof with wooden structures which are not only objectionable in themselves but increase the liability to fire, and take away ventilation and light, while the erection in the immediate vicinity of much higher buildings prevents the free escape of the fumes from the acid refinery, to the great annoyance of the public.

The process of striking coin was by the screw process worked by hand, and the introduction of steam for coinage purposes did not take place until 1836, three years after the building was completed.

It is not my purpose to enumerate in detail the insufficiency of the present building for the proper and safe execution of the immense amount of work now turned out. For detailed information on this point reference is made to the letters of the Superintendent and operative officers enclosed.

Certain it is that no private manufacturing

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establishment would have worked continuously for 57 years in the same building, with an increase of 800 per cent in its annual output (as shown by the coinage of pieces at this mint in 1889 as compared with 1833) without largely increasing its capacity.

It has not been practicable to remedy the inadequacy of working space in the mint at Philadelphia by alterations and enlargements of the present building, owing to the fact that there is not sufficient area.

It is essential for the efficient execution of the delicate and important processes of coinage that the mechanical operations of each department be conducted on the same floor. The work rooms of the Coiner's department, for instance, - that is all the rooms for cutting, rolling, milling and the other coinage operations, - should be on one floor.

In 1882 the attention of Congress was directed to the insufficiency of the ground area for the business of the mint, and a bill was favorably reported from the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures authorizing the purchase of adjoining property covering a surface of 100 feet on Chestnut Street and extending north 204 feet on Broad street.

Unfortunately this bill failed to become a law, and the magnificent building now occupied by the Girard Life Insurance, Annuity and Trust Company, valued at $1,000,000, has been built upon it, thus precluding the Government from obtaining possession of it. Nor is there any other property adjoining which it is possible for the Government now to secure; so that it is impracticable to extend the area of the Mint on its present location.

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If therefore anything is to be done in the way of providing enlarged facilities for the mint at Philadelphia the matter resolves itself into one of two alternatives: either the enlargement of the present building by an attic story, or an extension of the building to the line of the portico, or both, or as the other alternative, the erection of a new mint.

In accordance with estimates prepared by the Supervising Architect an appropriation of $220,000 was included in the Sundry Civil Bill, approved October 2, 1888, "For the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: For an additional story to, and enlarging the building including vaults, alterations, and other necessary work." Of this appropriation the sum of $43,399.70 has been expended for the construction of new vaults, leaving $176,600.30 available for the enlargement contemplated.

Since this appropriation was made further plans and drawings have been prepared by the Supervising Architect contemplating an extension of the floor area by extending the building front to the line of the portico.

In my annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, I had the honor to recommend that the appropriation available viz: $176,600.30, be increased to the sum of $420,000, that being the estimate of the Supervising Architect of the cost of the extension designated in the last plans. If then the mint remain on its present site, an immediate expenditure of $420,000 will be necessary to afford proper room for its business. The expenditure of

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even this large sum will remedy the existing state of things to only a limited extent, but will not accomplish the main purpose desired, viz: sufficient ground area for the location of the work rooms of the mechanical departments on one floor.

The objections to an additional story are so forcibly pointed out in the letter of Superintendent Babyphill that I shall not repeat them.

The present time is opportune for the purchase of a convenient site for a new mint building in Philadelphia. It is believed that a suitable one, in a convenient section of the city, on one of its most prominent streets, can be procured at a cost not exceeding $500,000 and that the present site and edifice will sell for a sum approximating $800,000.

So that if this bill should become a law about $300,000, the probable excess of the amount received for the present site above the cost of a new site would be available towards the erection of a new Mint.

Estimates as to the cost of a new building, suitable for the requirements of the Mint at Philadelphia, will of course be furnished by the Supervising Architect but I may remark that the Mint at San Francisco finished in 1873, which is a large granite building, one of the most beautiful in that city, perfectly adapted to its purposes, was erected at a cost of $2,130,512.15 [not including the cost of site - $100,000]. Making allowance for the reduced cost of labor and material at the present date as compared with 1873, and especially in Philadelphia as compared with San Francisco, it would seem reasonable

to say that $1,500,000 would be the outside cost of a suitable building in Philadelphia, or a net cost of $1,200,000, against an appropriation of $420,000 already asked for the enlargement of the mint if it remains in its present location.

I cannot too strongly urge upon Congress the advisability of purchasing a new site and erecting a new mint especially as the opportunity which now presents itself for securing a convenient and suitable location for a reasonable consideration may not soon occur again.

Surely this great Government, with its growing wealth and population, producing annually from its mines $100,000,000 of the precious metals, can afford to have the very finest buildings as well as the best appliances and machinery for the important and delicate operations of coining money, and it would seem as if an appropriation of $1,200,000 for the erection of a suitable structure for its most important mint should not be considered a piece of extravagance, but rather as an act demanded by our national character.

I enclose herewith letters from the Superintendent and operative officers of the mint at Philadelphia, to which attention is invited.

Trusting this matter will receive your favorable recommendation,

I am, very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

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Feby 7th, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the month ending January 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 7, 1890.

Confidential
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, relative to the exchange of gold bars for ~~gold~~ bars for gold coin, I approve of your ruled to retain the bars above 995 and below 901 fine for domestic use.

As I indicated to you in my former letter you will not pay out any gold bars for export without communicating by telegraph with this bureau, and receiving specific instructions.

Undoubtedly the proper thing to do would be to impose a charge of say four cents per one hundred dollars for gold bars, but there is some doubt as to the legality of such a charge under the wording of the act, viz: "deliver in exchange therefor gold bars in value equaling such coin so received." This would seem to imply that the full value of the coin is to be given in bars.

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I will consider this matter, however, with the proper legal officers of the Department and with the Secretary, and if we arrive at the conclusion that a charge can be imposed under the provisions of this act I will issue the necessary instructions.

I will say that the Department is clearly of the opinion that the authority to exchange gold bars for gold coin is discretionary, and if it becomes necessary to protect our gold from shipment that discretionary power will be exercised.

Please keep me posted fully as to the probable movement of gold.

I may run on to New York after the close of the Assay Commission.

I have really been so occupied with public business that it has been impossible for me to visit your institution before.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 7, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending January 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Feby 7, 1890.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 7, 1890.

The Journal of Commerce,
New York.

Sir:

The edition of your paper of Tuesday, January 28, was loaned to the Secretary of the Treasury and not returned. As I keep a file of the Journal of Commerce I will thank you to forward to me another copy of your paper of that date.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 7, 1890.

Hon. William B. Allison,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to our conversation of to-day, I transmit herewith a statement showing the relative value of gold to silver in the coinages of the principal countries of the world.

It will afford me pleasure to furnish you any other information in regard to the

production, consumption and movement of the precious metals you may desire.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 7, 1890.

Dennison B. Smith,
Toledo Produce Exchange,
Toledo, Ohio.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 5th inst. you are respectfully informed that the table of the production of gold and silver for the Calendar year 1889 has not been compiled.

The report of the product of the precious metals will probably not be ready for distribution before June, and no advance tables will be furnished any one until they are given to the public.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 7, 1890.

Herbert G. Torrey, Esq.,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 5th inst. I enclose herewith a list of the members of the Assay Commission for 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Professor Henry Mitchell
18 Hawthorne St.
Roxbury, Boston Highlands,
Mass.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the President has appointed you as one of the Commissioners to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins reserved by the several mints of the United States during the calendar year 1889.

The Commission will meet at the Mint at Philadelphia the 12th proximo at ten o'clock A. M.

No compensation is provided by law for the services of Commissioners, but necessary expenses in traveling to and from Philadelphia, and while attending the sessions of the Commission, will be reimbursed.

Please notify me at your earliest convenience as to your acceptance of the appointment.

For your information I enclose a pamphlet containing the laws relating to the Annual Assay, the Rules for Organization, and the proceedings of the last Commission.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter sent to:

Prof. Stephen J. Young,
Brunswick,
Maine.

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Telegram

February 8, 1890.

Prof. Henry Mitchell,
18 Hawthorne St.
Roxbury, Boston Highlands, Mass.

The President has appointed you as a Commissioner to test the coinage.
Commission meets at Philadelphia twelfth instant.
No compensation allowed. Expenses paid.
Formal letter of appointment mailed to-day.
Please telegraph acceptance, collect.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Prof. Stephen J. Young,
Brunswick,
Maine.

February 8, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of O. C. Bosbyshell, Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars [$350,000] on account of profits on the coinage of Silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 7th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of December 1889, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I herewith return for your signature, Assay Reports Nos. 273, 274, 285, 286, 288, 290, ~~291~~ 292, 293, 294, 385 and 386, for the quarter ending September 30, 1889. You will please return them at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day sent by express to the Director of the Mint care of the Superintendent of the Mint, a box containing the records of the Assay Commission, which you will please safely keep until his arrival.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 8th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced to the credit of your Mint the sum of $11,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar to meet in part the expenses of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the list of the Assay Commissioners already furnished you, I have to inform you that Prof. Henry Mitchell of Roxbury, Mass. has been appointed in place of Hon. Austin Blair, declined,

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and Prof. Stephen J. Young of Brunswick, Maine in the place of H.L. Dodge Esq., declined. I will be in Philadelphia Tuesday afternoon surely, and possibly Tuesday morning, and will see you before the Commission meets.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 7th inst. relative to reducing the balance of subsidiary coin, I would say that my idea was that you would pay it out over the counter in sums of five or ten dollars in the payment of deposits and other expenses.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Interior Department requests to be supplied with five silver "Indian Peace" medals bearing vignette of President Harrison, the same to be not less than 2½ inches in diameter, and round in form.

I will thank you to inform me how soon these medals can be furnished.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $31500.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890	$3,500
Wages of Workmen,	1890	23,000
Contingent Expenses,	1890	5,000

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $1000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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February 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars [$350,000] to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that your bullion fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully,
E. O. Leech

February 8, 1890.

Prof. Henry Mitchell,
Roxbury, Boston Highlands,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of appointment of yesterday, the date of the meeting of the Commission is the 12th instant, not the 12th proximo.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause to be advanced you the sum of $1955.35 from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1889, to pay loss on the sale of the sweeps of that

year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 8, 1890.

Thomas Jordan, Esq.,
Financial and Mining Record,
61, Broadway, New York.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday, I would say that this Bureau prepares for the Secretary of the Treasury, on the first of each month a temporary statement, not strictly accurate, of the stock of gold and silver coin in the United States, to be used in a statement which he prepares of the stock of "paper and metallic money in circulation."

As you request, a copy of this statement will be forwarded your publication hereafter.

It has not been the practice to give it to the press, but the correspondent of the Journal of Commerce saw a copy on my desk and I let him take it.

In regard to the price of silver the parity is fixed by taking the price in London, communicated daily by cable to the bureau, and the rate of sight sterling exchange.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1890.

E. M. Stober, Esq.,
Richland Wine Co.,
75, Main St., Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 5th inst. I have referred the same to the Superintendent of the Census, with a strong recommendation for your favor.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 8, 1890

Prof. G. E. Bailey,
Rapid City, Dakota.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your request of the 4th inst for certain reports of this Bureau, I would say that I sent you a few days ago copies of the production reports for the years 1884 to 1888 inclusive, being the only years for which we have copies.

I send you to-day copies of the fiscal reports of this bureau bound copies in all cases where we have them, from 1883 to 1889 inclusive.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 8, 1890.

Daniel Leech, Esq.,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, the title of the publication you refer to is "Official Records

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of the War of the Rebellion".
It is not possible to obtain copies of this work except by purchase, for the reason that the edition was limited to a certain number of copies for each member of the 47th Congress.
If a new edition should be ordered by Congress of course the Members and Senators will have the distribution of them.
It will afford me pleasure to send such publications of this bureau as we have in stock to any of your friends and all of your requests have been filled to date, so far as I am advised.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 8, 1890

T. C. Mendenhall, Esq.
Supt. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Dear Sir:

In addition to the names already furnished you the following gentlemen have been appointed members of the Annual Assay Commission:
Prof. Henry Mitchell, Roxbury Mass.
Prof. Stephen J. Young, Brunswick, Maine.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feb. 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordin

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-ary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Coinage
+ Storage Accounts, with abstracts and Vouchers,
for the month ending January 31, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby 10, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty $\frac{11}{100}$ Dollars, ($13920.$\frac{11}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Sixty-seven $\frac{87}{100}$ Dollars ($67.$\frac{87}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-seven $\frac{95}{100}$ Dollars ($13,987.$\frac{95}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum dated Feby. 3, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

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February 10, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of A. W. Smyth, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, at New Orleans, the sum of two hundred and sixty thousand dollars [$260000.] on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 10, 1890.

Hon. A. C. Matthews,
First Comptroller,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, relative to the coinage system of Venezuela, you are respectfully informed as follows:

The standard is silver, the monetary unit being the bolivar, the same as the French franc. Its value on the first of January of this year was $0.14.

I have no official notice of any change of standard in 1889.

The five bolivar gold piece contains 22.401 grains of pure gold and is worth in United States gold coin $0.964.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of February 1890, has been approved for the sum of $10500.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$2500.00
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	6000.00
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	2000.00

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 10, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $3000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Feby. 10, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Feby 3, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 1 dated January 31, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $14,031.07/100, charges $33.12/100 and net value $13,987.95/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo:

Feby. 4,
No. 20
$46,693.39/100; $116.64/100
$46,576.75/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

As it is necessary for me to appear before the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures on Monday of next week, with the Secretary, it will not be possible for me to go to New York at present.

I will say that I have conferred with the Solicitor of the Treasury and he is of the opinion that it would be perfectly legal to impose a charge on gold bars exchanged for gold coin.

Suppose you draft a regulation under that heading and send it to me for my consideration.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 10, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of two hundred and sixty thousand dollars [$260,000] to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that your bullion fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Febry 10th 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company) 95000 Ounces, at $0.9728

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Handy & Harman 200,000 Ounces, at $0.9715

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I return herewith your account for three (3) Silver life-saving medals forwarded by you to this Bureau on the 8th ultimo.

In the account you charge for the three medal cases originally forwarded and which were returned at the request of the Department.

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You will please see whether the manufacturers of the cases will not be willing to allow something for the cases which were returned, and if so to reduce his account by that amount. If not, you will please forward the original cases to this Bureau for disposal.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

I will be at the Mint to-morrow noon.
E. O. L.

February 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 28th ultimo I forward you by express today weights prepared by the Bureau of Weights and Measures for the assay department of your mint. Schedule enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 10, 1890.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Feby. 10, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau St,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 10, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams to:

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street
New York.

Western National Bank,
New York.

Feby. 11, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100000.-) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the same be placed to the credit of

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the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 11, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Coinage & Storage Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. for the Month ending January 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

February 11, 1890.

Telegram

Assayer in charge,
Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Forward without delay statement of assets and liabilities. See letter December twenty sixth, last.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Feby. 11, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, in gold coin.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 11, 1890.

Superintendent Mint,
Carson.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-six and half cents per ounce fine, including to-day's purchases.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Similar, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La
+ + ninety six and one quarter + +

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.
+ + + ninety six and one quarter + +

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Feby. 11, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery Stand Silver Dollar Coinage & Storage accounts for the month ending January 31st 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 10, 1890,

J. M. Martin, Esq.,
P.O. Box 173,
Salem, La.

Sir:

Your communication of the 6th inst. relative to obtaining gold dollars, has been received and referred to the Superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia, to whom such applications should be made.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 12, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of

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Twenty-two Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-one $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars ($22,621.\frac{25}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Thirty-nine $\frac{83}{100}$ Dollars ($339.\frac{83}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-one $\frac{78}{100}$ Dollars ($22,961.\frac{78}{100}$), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum dated Jany. 31, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Feby. 12, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Feby. 7, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 19 dated January 31, 1890 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $23,022.$\frac{75}{100}$. Charges $60.$\frac{97}{100}$ and net value $22,961.$\frac{78}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:
Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of February, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $1044.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$249.00
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	600.00
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	
Repairs &c.	1890,	195.00
		$1044.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Feby. 12, 1890.

Supt. Mint, U. S.,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending January 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev., for the month ending January 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred for payment a bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $359.40, for the manufacture of 5 pairs Double Eagle and 10 pairs standard silver Dollar dies for the use of your Mint, payable as follows:

Wages of Workmen, U. S. Mint, Carson, 1890. $114.70
Contingent Expenses, do 1890 5.10

From the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar on account of

Wages of Workmen - 229.40
Contingent Expenses - 10.20

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

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Feby. 13, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending January 31st. 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Feby. 13, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. Mint,
Carson.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-six cents per ounce fine including Wdays purchases.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Febry 13th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 65000 Ounces, at $0.9740
Clark Dodge & Co 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9609

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, with exception here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Fourth National Bank 130 000 Ounces, at $0.9585
Handy & Harman 200 000 Ounces, at $0.9594

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to day approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for adjustment and settlement your bill amounting to $359.40, for the manufacture of 5 pairs Double Eagle and 10 pairs Standard Silver Dollar dies for the use of the U. S. Mint Carson Nev.

The amount will be covered by transfer warrant to the credit of the following appropriations of your Mint for the fiscal year 1890:

Wages of Workmen - $344.10
Contingent Expenses - 15 30

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Feby. 13, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Two Hundred Thousand ounces of your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Feby. 13, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Telegram Confirmed

Feby. 13, 1890.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Telegram Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Telegram Confirmed

Feby. 13, 1890.

Messrs. Colgate & Co.
29, Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 14, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of eighty thousand dollars ($80,000.) to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name on account of profits on the Coinage of Silver dollars, and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Telegram

Confirmed

Supt. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-five and a half cents per ounce fine, including Friday's purchases.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

February 14, 1890

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.,

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1890

Very Respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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John Beaulieu, Jr.,
37 Park Street,
Holyoke, Mass.

Sir:

I return you by registered mail the coins forwarded by you to this office on the 12th instant, with the information that your request cannot be complied with.

I also return the stamps and one-dollar bill enclosed.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 14, 1890.

Prof. C. S. Richardson,
Olivet College,
Olivet, Mich.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant in reference to a metric rod, has been referred to the Superintendent of the Coast Survey.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director of the Mint.

February 15, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending January 31, 1890,

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rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.
See certificate on abstract of Disbursements.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 15th, 1890.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:
I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. for the Quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

(2) Two Similar letters except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + +

Feby. 15, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I. T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 15th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1889 is herewith returned for correction.

Item of Contingent expense should be $255 28/100 instead of $256.20. Please forward corrected statement & return the original.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 15th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

You will please forward to this Bureau, and in future let same accompany your bullion accounts, the Philadelphia "memorandum of Gold bullion deposited" (Form 42E) for the quarters ending Sept. 30th & Dec. 31st 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director

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Feby. 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

Your Refinery statement #95 for the year ended Dec. 31, 1889 is returned herewith for correction as it does not agree with the aggregate of the statements rendered monthly.

The monthly statements from July to Dec. inclusive are also returned to enable you to correct your annual statement.

Where corrections are necessary, you will render an entire new statement.

Please return the statements enclosed herewith with your corrected statements as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins received at the United States Mint at Carson City during the month of January, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Double Eagles	$40.00
6 Standard Silver dollars	6.00
	46.00

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as noted on next page, addressed to:

over

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

at New Orleans

26 Standard Silver dollars	$26.00

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

at Philadelphia

4 Double Eagles	$80.00
4 Eagles	40.00
20 Standard Silver dollars	20.00
	140.00

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

at San Francisco

12 Double Eagles	$240.00
20 Standard Silver dollars	20.00
	260.00

Feby. 15th, 1890.

Assayer in charge,
Denver Colo.

Sir:

Your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1889, is returned herewith for correction.

Item of Salaries should be $2737.50 instead of $2827.50
" " Wages " " 322.00 " " 327.00

Please forward, corrected statement and return the original enclosed.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Feby. 15th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, with exceptions noted, to:

Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Mont.

Assayer in Charge
Helena, Mont.

Dec. 31st 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts for month of January 31, 1890, except voucher #208 in which the footing shows an error of 200 lbs causing an overpayment, at 60¢ per hundred, of $1.20. This amount is recommended to be disallowed and you will deposit it to the credit of the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint and take up in your next account current.

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Feby. 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Please forward your Refinery Statement #95 for calendar year Dec 31, 1889, as soon as practicable.

I fail to find statements for January and March to November inclusive, 1889, and you are requested to have a statement forwarded for each of the above named months and in case there were no operations in the Refinery a statement should be sent with information to that effect.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please forward as soon as practicable Refinery Statements #95 from July to December 1889 inclusive as well as for the calendar year ended Dec. 31. 89

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your official bond was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury yesterday and

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and has been referred to the office of the First Comptroller for file.
Enclosed please find your Commission bearing date the 19th of December, last.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 15, 1890.

Hon. E. M. Cockerell,
United States Senate,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 27th ultimo, I enclose herewith a statement showing the number of ounces of Silver of standard fineness [.900], and the cost of the same, used in the coinage of silver dollars, and the number of Silver dollars coined and the profits thereon, by fiscal years, from March 1878 to December 21, 1889.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 17, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of William H. Dimond, Superintendent of the United States mint at San Francisco, California, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand

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Dollars [$125,000] on account of Profits on the Coinage of Silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 17, 1890.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased by the transfer of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 17th, 1890.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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Feby. 17th, 1890.

Assayer in charge,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1889 with my approval except the charges of Phila. Mint $312.45 which should be 310.55

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 17, 1890.

J. W. Cunningham Esq.
Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

Referring to a letter from this office under date of the 25th ultimo, advising you of the receipt of your Commission and directing the execution of a new bond, you are informed that no bond has yet been received from you.

Please execute and forward this bond with the least practicable delay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters addressed to:
Except as here noted)

E. B. Zabriskie Esq.
Melter & Refiner U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

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+ + 25th ultimo + + + + +

C. H. Colburn Esq.
Coiner, U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.
+ + + 15th ultimo + + + +

P. B. Ellis Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.
+ + 15th ultimo + + + +

A. W. Smyth Esq.
New Orleans, La.
+ + + 15th ultimo + + +

Feby. 17th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Fourth National Bank 49000 Ounces, at $0.96

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

+ + Fourth Natl Bank 100000 Ounces, at $0.9590 + +

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 17, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars [$125000.] on account of profits on the coinage of Silver dollars, and that your bullion fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 17, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers.

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for the month ending January 31, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 17, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 7th instant requesting that the library of your Mint be furnished with a copy of J. Evans' new edition of the "History of the Mint", I have addressed a communication to Mr. Evans requesting him to furnish you a copy of the book and a bill for the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1890.

Hon. Martin L. Smyser.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant relative to the steps necessary in order to secure employment in the Mint at Philadelphia, you are respectfully informed that appointments in that Mint are vested by law in the Superintendent and as they do not come under the civil service law are generally obtained by political influence.

Applications, with such recommendations as the applicant may be able to secure, may be filed with the Superintendent of the Mint in that city.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Capt. Robert Boyd, U. S. A.
Room 37, P. O. Building,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:
Your letter of the 10th instant endorsing Mrs. E. M. Young for a position in the Mint of the United States at New Orleans has been received and referred to the Superintendent of the Mint in that City.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 17, 1890.

Andrew Caulowell, Esq.,
Orange, Cal.

Sir:
Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, you are respectfully informed that appointments in the Mints of the United States are vested by law in the Superintendents in Charge. If you have any political influence you might apply for appointment in one of the Mints and bring to bear such influence as you may be able to command in support of your application.
I need hardly assure you that I should be pleased to see you receive employment.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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M. V. Davis, Esq.,
1627 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Your confidential letter with enclosure has been received and will receive my careful consideration.

I regret that I was not able to see more of you while I was in Philadelphia, but I was so hurried by the sessions of the Commission and in my efforts to entertain the Members in the evening that I had no opportunity to converse with persons interested in Mint matters. On some future visit I hope to be able to see you and talk with you more fully on the subject.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. John P. Jones,
United States Senate.

Dear Sir:

Will you please call at the bureau at your earliest convenience and sign the record of the Assay Commission of 1890. As I will send the record to the printer in a few days your early attention to this request is desired.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:
Hon. Edwin H. Conger,
House of Representatives.

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Hon. John Jay Knox
New York.

Dear Sir:

When you are in Washington will you please call at the bureau and sign the record of the Assay Commission of 1890.

As I will send the record to the printer in a few days will you please send by return mail authority for me to have your name printed as having signed the record pending your signature?

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 16, 1890.

Telegram

Alfred Eoff
Boise City, Idaho.

Telegraph today explicitly what you suspect. I have approved no authority to sign checks for Cunningham and have no notice of his absence.

Where is Cunningham?

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

February 17th, 1890.

Telegram

W. J. Gillespie
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

If you can reach Braden tell him to return to duty and not to come to Washington.

E. O. Leech
Director.

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Feby. 17, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed.

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Your offers for Philadelphia and New Orleans accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 17, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau St.
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Nesslage Colgate & Co.
29 Wall St.
New York.

February 18, 1890.

Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that the Commission appointed by you under the provisions of Section 3547 of the Revised Statutes to test the coinage executed at the mints of the United States during the calendar year 1889, met in the city of Philadelphia on the 12th instant, all the members being present except the Comptroller of the Currency, and after a session of three days the following resolution was

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unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Assay Commission having examined and tested the reserved coins of the several mints for the year 1889, and it appearing that these coins do not differ from the standard fineness and weight by a greater quantity than is allowed by law, the trial is considered and reported satisfactory.

The full report of the Commission will be sent you as soon as it is printed.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Edward O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 18, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending January 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 18, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Yesterday I received a communication from you dated the 11th inst. stating that you would be temporarily absent on mining work, and that Mr. D. C. B. Pride, clerk in your office,

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would be left in charge and that his signature had been forwarded to the Assistant Treasurers at New York and San Francisco.

Your attention is directed to section 6, article 23 of the Regulations, which requires that when temporary appointments are made they shall be submitted to the Director of the Mint for his approval.

The communication to the assistant treasurers to the effect that another person has been authorized to sign checks for the officer in charge, should be communicated through this bureau. No one is authorized to sign checks for an officer in charge until authority has been obtained from this bureau.

Doubtless you were not aware of this provision, but hereafter when necessity compels your absence from the institution you will communicate with the bureau promptly by telegraph, stating the period that you expect to be absent and designating some bonded officer to act in your stead.

For the present no action will be taken upon the communication referred to.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 18, 1890.

Telegram

Sprnille Braden
Merchants Hotel
St. Paul, Minn.

You have my authority to come East. My

judgment is that it is for your best interest not to come to Washington, but to remain at your post.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

February 18, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1889, your attention is directed to the fact that an important error has been made in calculating the seigniorage of the quarter. The amount is entered in your accounts as $94,096.98 - the amount should be $93,294.54.

The average cost of the silver on hand and received during the quarter, amounting to 934,853.74 standard ounces, is $0.853, 4/62,518,073.

Multiplying the number of ounces used in the coinage of silver dollars, viz: 300,781.25, by the average cost, gives $256,705.46 as the cost of the silver used in the coinage of the quarter, and this deducted from the face value of the coinage viz: $350,000, gives $93,294.54 as the seigniorage of the quarter.

Your accounts for the quarter, as well as Form No. 193 and the statement of earnings and expenditures for the same quarter are herewith returned for correction in this particular.

In this connection I would say that the greatest care should be exercised in calculating the seigniorage of the quarter.

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You should enter on form No. 193, in the margin, the average cost per ounce of the silver on hand received during the month, so that your calculations can be verified in this bureau. Please make the necessary changes at once, and prepare a new set of accounts, and statements, so far as necessary to correct the error and return the original accounts and statement with the corrected ones to this bureau in order to avoid the necessity of re-verifying the other entries.

I again direct attention to the fact that the abstract sheets of silver purchases are very difficult to verify because the figures are blurred by press-copying, and I renew the request that instead of press copying these sheets duplicates be kept at your Mint and the original sheets as entered from day to day be forwarded to this bureau with your accounts without being press-copied.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 18th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Please send the original certificate of Deposit on account of "Balance of Profits & Loss, quarter ending Dec. 31/89" for $19318.
The duplicate I herewith returns.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to ninety-six and one quarter cents, per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans,

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 11th inst. relative to a sale of 5,700 ounces of silver to the Government, bon the 6th inst., you are respectfully informed that the price to be paid for local purchases is fixed from day to day by this department, and the Superintendent is not authorized to pay in excess of the price authorized.

The weigh clerk of the mint had no authority to inform you what price would be paid for silver received on the 6th until he had received information from the department. All that

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the weigh clerk was authorized to do was to receive the silver and the Superintendent to pay the price which he was informed by the department to pay for purchases on that day.

The price paid $0.97.25 was well up to the parity of the London quotation which was 97.31 and was fully as much as would have been paid for silver in open market so that I think that you have no just cause of complaint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 18, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The box containing the set of weights forwarded from the Bureau of Weights and Measures, for the use of the Assay department of your mint, which was returned to this bureau by registered mail has been received and will be delivered to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Weights and Measures for examination and readjustment.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the package

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containing the seal, being an intaglio head of the late Prof. Henry and to say that the seal has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby 18, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:
I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts for the month ending January 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 18, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1889.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

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J. E. Mendenhall Esq.,
Supt. Coast and Geodetic Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I return herewith the box of weights furnished by the Office of Weights and Measures on the 8th instant, for the use of the assay department of the Mint at Philadelphia, with the request that they be re-examined and adjusted.

The letter of Dr. Eckfeldt herewith enclosed will explain the discrepancies in the weights.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 18, 1890.

Messrs. B. Westermann & Co.
#812 Broadway
New York.

Gentlemen:

I have your bill of the 17th instant for foreign magazines and periodicals and note the following increased charges which I will be pleased to have you explain.

The "Mining World $9.00" was charged in last years bill at $8.50 and the "Jahrbücher f. National Oekon. $7.50" was furnished last year for $6.00.

There is also a small difference in the subscription price of the "Journal Statist. Soc." last year it was $5.80 in this bill the charge is $5.85.

The account is held pending reply.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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C. R. Ellis Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:
Herewith returned for completion please find your bond as Assayer U. S. Mint, Carson. To secure the acceptance of your bond it is necessary that your sureties should qualify in real Estate to an amount at least equal to the face of the bond, in addition to the personalty. Please see that this is done and return the bond at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 18, 1890.

S. P. Langley, Esq.,
Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

Dear Sir:
It affords me pleasure to send you herewith the seal prepared at the mint at Philadelphia for your department, being an intaglio head of the late Prof. Henry.
The seal has been gold plated, and I trust it may prove satisfactory.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 18, 1890.

A. M. Davies, Esq.
5 Broadway, New York.

Sir:
In compliance with your request, I enclose

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herewith a statement of the estimated stock of gold, silver and paper in Great Britain, France and Germany, and also the per capita in each.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 19, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Three $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars ($8,423.\frac{72}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Forty Nine $\frac{08}{100}$ Dollars ($149.\frac{08}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total of Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-two $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars ($8,572.\frac{80}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated Feby. 10th 1890 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + + + + +
+ + at St. Louis + + + Eleven Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-seven $\frac{26}{100}$ ($11,677.\frac{26}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Thirty-six $\frac{22}{100}$ Dollars ($236.\frac{22}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen $\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars ($11,913.\frac{48}{100}$) + + +
St. Louis + + + + + +

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February 19, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The following table exhibits the values of the different taels of the Chinese ports, based upon the value given the Haikwan (customs) tael, in department circular No. 1 of January 1, 1890.

Values of Local Taels.

(Based on value of Haikwan (customs) tael, $1.148)

Name of port.	Value of tael.
Amoy	$1.0436
Canton	1.0332
Chefoo	1.0996
Chinkiang	1.1015
Foochow	1.1315
Hankow	1.0556
Kiukiang	1.0798
Newchwang	1.0580
Ningpo	1.0842
Shanghai	1.0305
Swatow	1.0436
Tientsin	1.0933

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 19, 1890.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mon. for the month ending January 31, 1890 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

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Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 19, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver 9 ninety-five and three quarters cents per ounce fine including 9 days purchases.
E. O. Leech,
Director

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

February 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:
Enclosed is a copy of an order revoking Section 4, of Article 13, of the Regulations, so far as relates to silver coins.
At the meeting of the Assay Commission last week considerable delay was occasioned by opening each envelope containing a coin reserved for annual assay. As there were

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some 22,911 coins reserved it was a work of immense trouble for the distinguished gentlemen appointed on that Commission to open each of the small envelopes.

The practice, therefore will be hereafter, so far as relates to the silver coins, to place all the pieces reserved from any one delivery in an envelope on which should be transcribed the place of coinage, the date, etc., as now required, and these envelopes will be packed in a box at the end of each quarter in such a way as to prevent abrasion, and sent by express to the mint at Philadelphia.

The gold coins will, as at present, each be placed in a separate envelope.

This order will apply to the coins reserved for the first two months of the present calendar year.

It will not apply to coins forwarded monthly to this Bureau for test, which coins will, as heretofore, each be placed in a separate envelope and forwarded by registered mail.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:

February 19, 1890.

Section 4, of Article 13, of the Regulations for the transaction of business at the mints and assay offices of the United States, 1888, which provides that each coin reserved for annual assay shall be placed in a separate envelope, is hereby revoked so far as relates to the silver coins.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Approved:
W. Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Similar letters to addresses on next page:

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

February 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of an order revoking Section 4 of Article 13, of the Regulations of 1888 so far as relates to placing each silver coin reserved for annual assay in a small envelope.

The order applies only to silver coins, but at your Mint, so long as the sessions of the Assay Commission are held there, no abrasion being possible by transit, the order will apply to the gold coins also.

Hereafter, therefore, including the coins reserved for the first two months of the present calendar year, the practice will be at your mint to have coins reserved at each delivery placed in an envelope and deposited quarterly in the pyx in such order that they may be readily reached in the order of the delivery when the pyx is opened in the presence of the Assay Commission.

At the mints at San Francisco, New Orleans and Carson the coins will be forwarded quarterly by express in a box containing in envelopes the pieces reserved during the quarter from each delivery.

The gold coins reserved at the mints last

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named will, as heretofore, be placed each in a separate envelope, but the silver ones will not.

This order will not apply to coins forwarded monthly to this Bureau for test, which coins will, as heretofore, each be placed in a separate envelopes and forwarded by registered mail.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

(For Enclosure, see page # 136.)

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred for payment a bill of your mint for the manufacture of 10 pairs of standard silver Dollar dies for the use of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, amounting to $204.60. The bill will be paid from the appropriation for the Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar and the amount will be covered by transfer warrant to the credit of the following appropriations of your Mint.

Wages of Workmen	1890	$194.40
Contingent Expenses	1890	10.20

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 19, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In forwarding your Ordinary Expense account for the month of January you omitted to enclose an account current.

I will thank you to send it at your earliest convenience as the account is held pending its receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 19, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending January 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 19, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Feby. 10, 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 23 dated January 31, 1890 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the

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gross value found to be $8,599.76/100, charges $26.96/100, and net value $8,572.80. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Febry. 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition for stationery for six months ending June 30, 1890 you are authorized to purchase: One large copying press,
Half Dozen large press copying books and
One Dozen memorandum books.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have today approved and referred for settlement a bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $204.60 for the manufacture of 10 pairs of standard silver Dollars for the use of your Mint. The bill will be paid from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar Act February 28, 1878.

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Of the amount, $194.40 is paid on account of Wages of Workmen, the remainder $10.20, for Contingent Expenses.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 19, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Feby. 10, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint, at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 106 dated Feby. 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $11,941.$\frac{80}{100}$, charges $28.$\frac{32}{100}$, and net value $11,913.$\frac{48}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 18, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 8th instant I have requested that a United States flag, 10X16, containing forty-two [42] stars, be forwarded you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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February 20, 1890.

S. G. Brock Esq.,
Chief of Bureau of Statistics.
Treasury Department.

Sir:
Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 19th instant forwarding certain tables of imports and exports of gold and silver, also of copper, covering the calendar year 1889, I begs to thank you for the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 20, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:
In the examination of your Statement of Silver purchases in December I have to request an explanation of the rate paid for the following purchases Dec. 18th, 1889.

of E. T. Pierce	199.87	ozs.	at 95 3/4
Chas. H. Peters	1479.06	"	" "
Chas. H. Peters	1308.07	"	" "
Chas. H. Peters	1807.95	"	" "
H. K. Brown	5576.40	"	" "
H. K. Brown	454.89	"	" "

The records of this Bureau show that you were only authorized to pay 95 1/4 cents per ounce fine at the date these purchases were made. The rate was not changed to 95 3/4 cents until December 19th after the London quotation for that day had reached the Bureau.
The amount paid for the above named purchases was $52.04 more than you were authorized to

pay, and unless you can furnish a satisfactory explanation this sum will be disallowed in the adjustment of your bullion accounts.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 20, 1890

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary expense account for the months of January I have to request an explanation of the following items: Voucher No. 3. bill of Burwell & Dunn, Druggists, contains these, "Rose Lake, 45¢" "3 Bots. Water Colors, 75¢". It should appear that these articles are to be used in the public service. The bill of the Charlotte Gas Light Co. as shown by voucher No. 4, seems to be excessive and during the entire six months, from July 1, to December 31st the gas bills for your institution amounted to only $18.48. Please answer without unnecessary delay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 20, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your account of ordinary expenses for the month of January last, your attention is directed to the fact that the

consumption of gas, as shown by vouchers Nos. 56, 57 and 58 seems to be very large. The gas used for the furnaces aggregated 28,000 feet during the month, and that used for the engine 10,600 feet, while 10,400 feet were used for illuminating purposes.
The gas consumed for the same period at the Helena assay office, exclusive of light, was 19,800 cubic feet.
I direct your attention to these vouchers that you may correct any waste, if any is found to exist, in the consumption of gas with the meters.
In this connection I would suggest that you submit an estimate as to the cost of introducing an electric light plant in the mint and dispense with the use of gas for illuminating purposes.
Your estimate should include not only the cost of the plant and the monthly cost, by a comparison with the present cost of gas.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 20, 1890.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Referring to vouchers Nos. 22 and 23 of your ordinary expense account for the month of January last, bills of the Helena Gas Light Co., for the month of January, - one of $39.25 and one of $10.25, I beg to inquire whether one of these bills is intended to cover the use of gas in connection with

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the melting furnaces, and the other the gas used in the assay furnaces? If so, I think it would be well to have the officers in charge of the respective departments, those that are immediately engaged in the work for which the gas is used, to examine these bills hereafter and approve them.

I take it that no gas is used for illuminating purposes in your institution as you have an electric light plant.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, an account of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Co. for the transportation in the Month of July, 1889, from St. Paul to Helena of Mint Supplies, amounting to $26.19 Consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your office fiscal year 1890. Duplicate bills and B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

You will please forward your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1889, as soon as may be convenient, in order that the statements covering the calendar year 1889, which will appear in my report on the Production of the Precious Metals for that year, may be checked by the accounts covering the calendar year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 20, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co.	150,000 Ounces, at	$0.9570
Fourth National Bank.	50,000 Ounces, at	$0.9600
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company.	85,000 Ounces, at	$0.9600

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

+ + Handy & Harman, 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9575

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

You will please forward your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1889, as soon as may be convenient, in order that the statements covering the calendar year 1889, which will appear in my report on the Production of the Precious Metals for that year, may be checked by the accounts covering the calendar year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Feby 20, 1890.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

One Million Dollars will be placed to your credit at New York today by wire. You can draw.

E. O. Leech
Director.

February 20, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I forward for your information and for the information of the engraver a copy of a communication received today from the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution relative to the seal, the intaglio head of the late Professor Henry, prepared at your Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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February 20, 1890.

Prof. S. I. Young
Brunswick, Maine.

My dear Professor:

Your esteemed favor of the 18th instant is at hand, and I beg to express my appreciation of the very great interest which you took in the work of the Assay Commission, and the very efficient services which you rendered in this connection. The record of the same will be printed shortly, and some copies will be sent you.

I shall always have a very pleasant recollection of our meeting, and I trust that if you visit Washington you will call upon me.

Any publications of this Bureau or of this Department on any subject which you may request at any time will be sent you.

Very truly yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Febiy. 20, 1890.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall St.
New York.

Telegram Confirmed

Feby. 20, 1890.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Offer of fifty thousand ounces accepted for New Orleans, other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram Confirmed

Feby. 20, 1890.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau St.
New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Telegram Confirmed.

Feby. 20, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank.
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director.

February 21, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Boise and St. Louis, for the month ending January 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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February 21, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the United States Mint at Carson to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of seven hundred and ninety-five dollars ($795), payable in six hundred and twenty dollars ($620) in gold coin and one hundred and seventy-five dollars ($175) in silver coin, the same being the value of coins of the first named institution reserved during the calendar year 1889 and forwarded for test by the Annual Assay Commission and now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Two (2) Similiar Letters, except as here noted, to same address:

San Francisco twenty thousand one hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty cents [$20,199.60] nineteen thousand eight hundred dollars [$19800] three hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty cents [$399.60]

New Orleans five thousand nine hundred and thirty eight dollars [$5938], payable in silver coin,

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Feby. 21, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I have examined, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending January 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

February 21, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to Special assay coins reserved at your mint for the month of January 1890, it is noticed that the first delivery of standard silver dollars is number "12" and the first delivery of gold "7", a continuation of the numbers for 1889.

The first delivery in 1890, in both silver and gold should be numbered "1". This change applies also to the coins forwarded to Philadelphia for annual assay.

I have changed the numbers on the lots forwarded to this Bureau.

Notify Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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February 21, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of seven hundred and ninety-five dollars [$795], payable in six hundred and twenty dollars [$620.] in gold coin and one hundred and seventy-five dollars [$175] in Silver Coin, the same being the value of coins of the calendar year 1889 received at your Mint and forwarded for test by the Annual Assay Commission.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

twenty thousand one hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty cents [$20,199.60] + + nineteen thousand eight hundred dollars [$19,800] + + + three hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty cents [$399.60]

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

five thousand nine hundred and thirty eight dollars [$5,938], + + Silver Coin, + +

February 20, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I am anxious that your mint should come up to the standard of the other mints, - indeed there is no reason why it should not elevate the standard, - in regard to the number of good pieces produced from ingots operated upon by the Coiner, especially silver.

You will notice from my annual report that the product of good blanks from ingots operated upon during the last calendar year at the Philadelphia mint was only about 48 per cent, while at San Francisco it reached 54 per cent, and at New Orleans 55.6 per cent.

By reference to a table on page 142 of the report of this Bureau for the fiscal year 1887, you will find that for a series of years the percentage of sovereigns produced at the Mint at Melbourne has averaged about 64 per cent, and the percentage of silver produced at the Mints at Calcutta and Bombay from 55 1/2 to 57 per cent.

You will also notice on page 140 of the same report a table giving the percentage of condemned blanks to blanks cut at the various coinage mints of the United States, from which you will see that the percentage at Philadelphia is very much higher, indeed two or three times as high, - as at any of the other mints. The fact is, as is clearly proved from these exhibits, that the work of the mint at Philadelphia in the Coiner's department is not up to the standard of the other mints

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of this country and far below the standard of foreign mints.

I am sure that you will agree with me that we should endeavor to ascertain the causes of the large number of condemned blanks returned by the coiner to the melter and Refiner and as far as possible remove the causes whether it results from imperfect machinery or from imperfect execution of the work.

My judgment is that the percentage of condemned blanks returned to the melter and Refiner can and should be reduced to at least one or two per cent and I will afford you all the assistance in my power in accomplishing this end.

With a view to ascertaining the cause of the large number of condemned blanks and remedy it if possible I desire to make some observations not with a view to criticising the mint or the coiner but for the purpose of drawing attention to what has seemed to me to be defects with the hope of accomplishing better results.

[1]. In the first place it has seemed to me from a casual visit to the coiner's department that the strips are not evidently tested at the draw-bench and that the only use to which the draw-bench is put is to roll the strip to the proper thickness of the coin. I take it that this is not the only use for which the draw bench was intended because that could be accomplished by rolling the ingots to the proper gauge through the rolls. Should not the strips be tested at the draw bench? Would not the time consumed in testing the strips at the draw bench be made up both in expense and results if it prevented the

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return of a large percentage of condemned blanks to the melter and refiner and also in the remelting of the same?

[2]. Are the annealing furnaces in first-class order? It has seemed to me, without having made any special examination, that you have the best annealing furnace in your mint of any mint in the United States and that much of the fault lies in the improper annealing, that is in lack of uniformity of annealing, some of the strips being annealed too much and others not enough.

[3]. My idea of the head of a mechanical department is that the officer in charge should be practically acquainted with all the details of the operations, be able to do, theoretically at least, whatever any of his employés do, and that he should spend the major portion of his time in the work rooms seeing that the mechanical operations are being properly conducted. The coiner of the Mint, in my judgment, should spend as little time as possible in his office on clerical work, leaving that largely to his clerical assistant and should spend the larger portion of his time in his work rooms seeing that the strips are tested at the draw bench, that they are properly annealed and that the workmen are not allowed to slight this portion of the work.

The trouble with foremen in such work rooms is that they get into a routine and do not seek opportunities to improve the work. Such opportunities must be suggested by the officer in charge.

I would suggest that you direct the attention of the Coiner of ~~the Coiner~~ of the Mint to my

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views on this point and state that I think it for the interest of the Government and of his department that he should spend a large portion of his time in the work rooms, personally superviding the work of his department and seeking opportunities to improve the work. So far as the work of the coining and cutting rooms is concerned I am very well pleased with it, and, I may say, with the work of the adjusting room, and I think it would be to the interest of your Mint if the Coiner would, in connection with yourself and possibly Dr. Suttle, the Melter and Refiner, who has given some attention to this subject, personally investigate the causes of the large number of condemned blanks and make such suggestions or improvements as will remedy it. I write to you thus fully and freely because I am sure that you are interested as much as I am in producing the very best work in the Mint at Philadelphia, and I feel confident that you will render me your personal assistance in remedying the evils complained of.

The next time I am in Philadelphia I hope to find time to examine in greater detail the mechanical, as well as the metallurgical, operations of the Mint, as I desire to have a practical knowledge of all the processes employed in the operative departments of the Mint.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

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Messrs. B. Westermann & Co.
No. 812 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:
Your bill of the 17th instant for magazines and periodicals, purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to $71.70 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 24, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:
It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1890.

Telegram

Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

State by wire at close of business twenty-sixth instant, amount and cost of local purchases of silver in February.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Feby 24th, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Referring to the Statement of Earnings & Expenditures of your predecessor for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1889, the same is herewith returned for correction.

The items of "Wages of Workmen" should be $28972.65 instead of $28.974.82 - Wages of Coinage Stand. Dollars should be 5212.97 instead of 5202.97.

Please forward corrected statement at your earliest convenience & return the original.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Feby. 24, 1890.

Supt. N.Y. Assay Office,
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending, Dec. 31st 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 24th, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Fourth National Bank N.Y. 50,000 Ounces, at $0.95½

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, excepting as here noted, to:

Supt. U.S. Mint
San Francisco.

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9615

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Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 24th 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Have purchased one hundred thousand ounces from Clark Dodge & Co. for delivery at your Mint. Rate by mail.

E. O. Leech
Director.

February 24, 1890.

W. H. Lawrence, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your bond as Assayer of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred to the Office of the First Comptroller for file. Please find your Commission enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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February 24, 1890.

E. B. Zabriskie, Esq.,
Melter & Refiner U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:
Please find returned herewith for correction the affidavits of surety which accompanied your bond. It will be observed that the wrong names are entered in the clerk's certificate on both affidavits, your name being substituted for that of the surety in each.
Your attention is also called to the manner of writing your name "E. B.;" instead of "E. B. Z." as written by yourself. The bond, being in proper form, is retained. Please return corrected affidavits immediately.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 24, 1890.

C. D. Humphrey, Esq.,
102 Court Street,
Binghampton, N. Y.

Sir:
Your letter of the 20th instant enclosing a draft of the First National Bank of Binghampton, N. Y., on the Continental National Bank of New York for twenty dollars [$20] for minor coins, has been received and referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, to whom it should have been addressed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Febry. 24, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall St.
New York.

Your offer accepted for San Francisco.
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram Confirmed

Fourth National Bank.
New York.

Your offer for New Orleans accepted.
E. O. Leech.
Director.

Febry. 24, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colo. Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams to:

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau St.
New York.

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Feby. 25, 1890.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-three 10/100 Dollars ($14,823.10/100) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Twenty-three 28/100 Dollars ($223.28/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifteen Thousand and forty-six 38/100 Dollars, ($15,046.38/100), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated Feby. 20, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 25, 1890.

Telegram

Superintendent U.S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Philadelphia mint reports the fineness of bar ten eighty-six - shipment of fourteenth instant, seven seventy-six and a half gold, two hundred and four silver. You have it - eight seventy-six gold and one hundred and four Silver.

There is a net loss on entire shipment named of three hundred twenty seven dollars thirty cents. Have bar named reassayed if you have sample.

E. O. Leech
Director.

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February 25, 1890.

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint
Denver Colo.

Sir:

Memorandum received from the Philadelphia mint today, covering your shipment of the 14th inst. shows that gold bar No. 1086 the weight of which was 166.17 or as determined at Philadelphia 166.15, and after melting 166.13, contained 776½ parts of gold against 876 parts of gold as stated in your memorandum, and that it contained 204 parts of silver against 104 parts as stated in your shipment report.

Evidently there must be a very decided error somewhere in connection with this bar, and as the difference is just about 100 less in gold and 100 more in silver it would seem as if it might be an error in transcribing the fineness from the working sheets to the assay reports.

There was a net loss on the entire shipment of $327.30. The total value of the gold as determined at Philadelphia was $51,745.54 and of the silver $525.38 a total of $52,270.87, the charges being $129.65, and the net value $52,141.22.

The total value as determined by you was gold $52,091.68 Silver $506.49, total $52,598.17.

You will please investigate this matter thoroughly and report to me the facts as ascertained.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Feby. 25, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Feby 20, 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 24 dated Feby. 15, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $15,085.$\frac{10}{100}$; charges $38.$\frac{72}{100}$ and net value $15,046.$\frac{38}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 25, 1890.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint
Philadelphia.

Forward sample for assay here of Denver bar number ten eighty six. shipment of fourteenth instant.

E. O. Leech
Director.

February 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to memorandum of gold bullion covering shipment of 14th inst. from the Mint at Denver, I telegraphed you today to forward sample of bar No. 1086 to this Bureau

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for assay.
The fineness of this bar as determined at Denver was 876 gold and 104 Silver, and at your mint, 876½ gold and 204 Silver.
You will notice that the difference is about an even hundred- your assay being about 100 less in gold and about 100 more in Silver. This would rather indicate that there was some clerical error either at your mint or at Denver, in transcribing the fineness from the working sheets to the assay reports.
Please investigate this matter thoroughly and forward the sample requested by telegraph to day.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:
Referring to your letter of the 15th instant in reference to the Indian Peace medals requested by the Department of the Interior, I enclose herewith a sketch prepared by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for your information, showing what is required.
I also enclose a copy of a letter from the Acting Commissioner to this Bureau enclosing this sketch. I return by registered mail the medals sent for inspection.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Enclosure: File No. 66073

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Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

On the 10th instant the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia forwarded you ten [10] pairs of standard silver dollar blies.

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of Domestic Production #61 for January 1890, I find the following entry under the heading of Refineries, Arizona 4,797.98 fine ozs. of silver.

It is of importance that more definite information should be furnished this office and you are requested to state the exact name of the refinery and its location.

If it is not a refinery then the entry is incorrect and the amount should be credited to Arizona as part of its production. The same applies to the amount entered opposite California under the same heading.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Feby. 25, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your statements of Deposits and Purchases, Domestic Production and Bars Manufactured for January 1890, returned herewith, I would state that as the entry of 112.88 M. ozs. silver is the production of Selby Refinery it will be necessary to add that amount to the unrefined bullion deposited which will necessitate a change in your statements 60, 61 & 61½ for the month rendered.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Chas. H. Colburn, Esq.,
Coiner U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find your bond as Coiner of the U. S. Mint Carson Nev. The Solicitor of the Treasury rejects the bond because the name of Chancellor Derby seems to have been substituted for another originally written in the body of the bond. I enclose a blank to enable you to execute a new bond which you will please do at as early a date as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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H. H. Browning, Esq., Genl Supt.;
Northern Pacific Express Company,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Sir:

Sealed proposals for the transportation of gold bullion from the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, will be received at this Bureau until 12 M., Saturday, March 15, 1890, at which hour and date all proposals received will be opened.

Proposals should state the rate of transportation per thousand dollars worth of bullion.

Proposals should be addressed to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., and should be endorsed: "Proposal for the transportation of gold bullion from Helena."

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

E. M. Morsman, Esq., Genl. Supt.
Pacific Express Company,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Chas. Fargo Esq., Genl. Western Manager,
American Express Company,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Messrs. Einer & Amend,
Cor. Third Avenue and 18th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson a memorandum of a bill presented by you against that institution, amounting to $28.50.

The Superintendent of the Mint states that this was for one hundred [100] mattrasses which were ordered by the late Director of the Mint according to the numbers and not according to the sample furnished by the Superintendent of the Mint. These mattrasses were returned to you, the Government paying the transportation both ways, and others ordered according to the sample furnished.

It was supposed that when the first mattrasses ordered were returned that the Government would be credited with the same. I therefore return the memorandum enclosed by you to the Superintendent of the Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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B. Westermann & Co.,
812 Broadway,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith an account of E. S. Mittler & Sohn for subscription to the Deutsches Handels-Archiv, 1890, which I have to request that you will pay and charge in

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your next account against this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 26, 1890.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to that of the U. S. Mint at Denver of the sum of Fifty-one Thousand Six Hundred and Fifteen 89/100 Dollars ($51,615.89/100) in Gold Coin, and Five Hundred and Twenty-five 33/100 Dollars ($525.33/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-two Thousand One Hundred and Forty-one 22/100 Dollars ($52,141.22/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum dated Feby. 18, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 26, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and Settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C., for the Month ending January 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very Respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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February 26, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, La. for the quarter ending Sept. 30th 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 26, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending January 31, 1890 with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Feby. 26, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Feby. 18, 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 21, dated Feby. 14, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $52,270.87, charges $129.65, and net value $52,141.22. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from

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the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 26, 1890.

Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your telegram of to-day relative to an error in bar No. 1086 was received.

You will understand that this error must be corrected on the abstract sheets and only the correct amount paid the depositor, and a new certificate issued covering the payment. Whether the depositor refunds the amount or not you will be allowed in your accounts only the actual net value of the deposit.

It seems to me that this mistake shows gross negligence on the part of some one, and that you should personally investigate this matter with a view to preventing the possibility of a recurrence of such a serious error.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 26, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for

examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending Sept. 30th 1889, with my approval except $1.52 overpaid Express Companies (a/c Silver Profit Fund) which I recommend be disallowed.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Memorandum.

Abstract of disallowances for quarter ending September 30, 1889.

Overcharges on Transportation.

Southern Express bill for December 1888, should be $1,475.67 instead of $1,476.34, i.e. page 8, $500 shipped to Port Hudson - Express to Harriston, Miss., 186 miles charged $1.35, should be 50¢ error of 85¢; - page 20, $5000 to Navasota, Tex., charged $8.46, should have charged $8.64, error of 18¢; - total error in this bill 67¢.

U. S. Express bills, - April, 1889, should be, $176.16, instead of $176.33, - i.e., page 2, $5,000 to Key West, Fla., 785 mi. charged $8.02, should have been $7.85, error of 17¢. May, 1889, should be $264.84 instead of $265.18, i.e., page 1, $5000, to Key West Fla., error 17¢ total, 34¢. June 1889, should be $195.66, instead of $196.00, to Key West, Fla., error 17¢, total 34¢.

Total disallowance, $1.52.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of yesterday forwarding a sample of bar No. 1086 of Denver gold the same is herewith returned, as I am in receipt of a dispatch from Denver acknowledging the mistake.

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In this connection I would say that, as you have been previously instructed, when a serious error of this kind is found in a deposit from one of our Assay Offices it should be at once reported and a sample sent to this Bureau for assay before the regular memorandum covering in the transfer is made out. The first knowledge that the Bureau had of this error was the receipt of the memorandum from your mint covering the shipment.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 26, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Please forward for my consideration forms of advertisements for proposals for one hundred thousand [100,000] pounds of five cent nickel blanks and two hundred thousand [200,000] pounds of one cent bronze blanks.

Also please send the last contract for the above named blanks, with any suggestions.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 26, 1890.

Ottomar Haupt, Esq.,
28, Rue St. Georges,
Paris, France.

Sir:

Your communication of the 25th ultimo enclosing an article on the commercial position of silver, was received, and I have read the same with

interest.
It will afford me pleasure to forward you all the publications of this Bureau as soon as issued.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 27, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz:
$20,000.- with Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and $5,000 with Commercial National Bank, Charlotte N. C.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 27, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.-) and that $20,000 of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, and balance of $5,000.- with Commercial Nat'l Bank at Charlotte, N. C.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending December 31, 1889 is herewith returned. You will please render two statements, one for the month of October, comprising your predecessor's accounts, the other for the months of November and December.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 27, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Please forward to this Bureau at your earliest convenience, "Statement of the weight and cost of the Silver Bullion available for coinage etc," (Form 193) for the months of October, November and December, and in future transmit a duplicate copy with your bullion accounts.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 27, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I return herewith medal fund vouchers signed in duplicate for three [3] Silver life-saving medals, cases, etc., forwarded by you to this Bureau on the 5th instant.

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I also enclose you a letter addressed you by the General Superintendent of the Life Saving Service enclosing the check of George B. Bartlett, Disbursing Clerk, on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in favor for the sum of thirty-seven dollars and ninety-three cents [$37.93] in payment of your account for medals, cases &c.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith your receipt to Mr. Fox for the bullion and coin transferred to you when you took charge of the Mint.

In order to close his accounts it is necessary for you to give some sort of receipt covering the deficiency in the cent profit and loss account. The auditing office has indicated in pencil at the bottom the language of the receipt which will be satisfactory.

I would suggest that you erase the lead pencil memorandum and write it in ink at the end of the receipt returned herewith and sign it and return it to this bureau.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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February 27, 1890.

Charles Fargo, Esq.
American Express Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th inst, relative to shipping gold bullion from Helena, Montana to Philadelphia, I would say that Mr. Braden has never referred the matter to me for decision. As very serious objections have been made by the Northern Pacific Express Co, and by the United States Express Co., to taking away from them the business of transporting this bullion, I decided that it was best to ask proposals for the future shipment of it, and I have addressed such proposals to your company, to the Northern Pacific Express, and to the Pacific Express so that it will hardly be worth while to interfere with the present arrangements until the new proposals are passed upon.

Very truly yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1890.

Hon. Joseph Walker,
The Shoreham,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As requested orally I send you herewith a statement showing the specie holdings and notes in circulation of the Bank of England since 1840, arranged by quarterly averages down to the close of 1888 & the latest date that I have it.

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Trusting that this will answer your purpose,
I am,
Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1890.

Messrs. B. Westermann & Co.
#812 Broadway
New York City

Gentlemen:
Your bill of the 26th. instant for 1 Deutsches Handels Archiv, 1890, purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to $4.50 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement.
In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.
Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram Confirmed.

Feby. 27, 1890.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall St.
New York

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. for the Month ending January 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + + + + +
+ Bullion accounts + + Late Superintendent
+ + U. S. Mint + New Orleans + +
Month + October 31st 1889, + + +
+ + + + + + +

Feby. 28, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint.
Denver Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending January 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted to:
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

+ + predecessors bullion accounts + + October 31st 1889 + +

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March 1, 1890.

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I return herewith 3 duplicate bills, belonging to Silver Profit Fund for the quarter ending December 31st. Please send the original bills.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I return herewith form No. 193 of December 1889 for correction as to the standard weight and cost of local purchases which you give as 11,006.36 ounces, costing $9,458.41, while it should be 11,038.37 ounces, costing $9,485.93.

Please make the necessary corrections and return the same with the corrected statement without delay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1889, I find that the opening balance in your silver coin account is $4,793,196.23 while the closing balance in the silver coin account of your predecessor was,

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as rendered, $4,793,202.39.

As the receipt which you gave Mr. Montigut for the bullion and coin when you took charge of the mint has not been forwarded to this bureau as it should have been, I cannot tell what balance you receipted for. Moreover the receipt referred to is essential in the settlement of Mr. Montigut's accounts by the Government, credit being given him for the amount which he turned over to you, and his accounts cannot be settled until that receipt is received.

In this connection I would say that your opening balance is $6.16 less than the balance of silver coin in Mr. Montigut's closing account, which is the exact amount refunded by the Southern Express Co. for disallowance in bills for shipping silver dollars, which reimbursement was taken up in Mr. Montigut's accounts for the period ending October 31, 1889.

In order to settle Mr. Montigut's accounts satisfactorily it would be better for you to give a new receipt to Mr. Montigut covering the balance of silver coin which should appear as the opening balance in your account, viz. $4,793,203.91. This covers the $6.16 referred to, and $1.52 which will be disallowed in the bills of the Southern Express Co. accompanying Mr. Montigut's accounts for the period ending September 30, 1889. These accounts will be held awaiting your reply.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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February 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th inst. relative to the construction of new vault work in the Mint at New Orleans I would say that the necessary drawings for the preliminary foundation work are now being prepared in the Department and will be completed in the course of ten days, when advertisements will be made for proposals for the preliminary work based upon the drawings and specifications now being prepared. As soon as the preliminary work is completed the advertisement will be made as required by law for the vault work itself. The matter is being expedited just as much as possible.

I have not referred your letter of the 25th inst. to the Supervising Architect for the reason that as the law requires this work to be done by public advertisement for proposals, I did not think it proper for you or for myself to recommend that it be given to any particular individual or firm. I read to the Supervising Architect however, the portion of your letter relating to the water closet system.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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February 28, 1890.

Hon. Justin S. Morrill,
Chairman, Committee on Finance -
U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir:

Hon. E. H. Conger, Chairman of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, House of Representatives has directed my attention to the fact that the bill abolishing the three and one dollar gold pieces and the three cent nickel piece which was introduced in the House at my request and which passed the House on Monday, may by its terms be construed as abolishing the gold dollar as the unit of value as provided in Section 3511 of the Revised Statutes of the United States. Of course this would be undesirable and was not intended, and in order to remove any doubt on this point I would suggest that in lieu of the third section of the bill as it passed the House, the following language be inserted:

"Provided that nothing in this act shall be construed as abolishing the gold dollar of the United States, at the standard weight of 25.8 grains as the unit of value as provided in Section 3511 of the Revised Statutes of the United States."

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

February 28, 1890

B. Westermann & Co.,
812 Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

Please order for the Bureau of the Mint

one copy of the Statistical Abstract for the United Kingdom, 36th number, London, 1889, and continue to send it to us each year hereafter as soon as published.
We have the 15th number of the Statistical Abstract for the Principal and other Foreign Countries. Please send us the 16th number of the same as soon as it appears.
The titles of these two works are somewhat alike and you must therefore be careful to distinguish between them.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

February 28, 1890

Israel Langdon Esq.,
45, Henry Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:
In compliance with your request the letter of Mrs. Langdon is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 1st. 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:
You will please cause two hundred thousand [200,000] silver dollars to be coined by your mint during the month of March.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as to amounts mentioned, addressed to: Orey

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Supt. U.S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

one million [1000000]

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

one million eight hundred thousand [1800000]

Supt. U.S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

six hundred thousand [600000]

March 1st. 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver Colo.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find requisition signed by Mr. Sackett, chief clerk, for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month. These requisitions as well as all accounts rendered by you, must be signed by yourself. You will observe that this requisition is made in your favor but the amount is to be charged against Mr. Sackett who is to be held accountable under his bond bearing date of December 1887. At any rate this is the inference as your bonds bear date of June 21, 1889 and January 22, 1890. If these advances could be made and charged as requested Mr. Sackett would be compelled to render an account of the disbursement of the same in his own name. In this connection I desire to call your attention to the fact that, while Mr. Sackett's

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predecessor was bonded in the sum of $15,000, there is no record in this bureau to show that Mr. Sackett has ever executed a bond. I must therefore request that he be required to execute and forward a bond with the least practicable delay. (See article 24. Instructions and Regulations, 1888).

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise for Proposals for five-cent nickel blanks in the following newspapers:
"Tribune", New York,
"Press" "
"Bulletin", Philadelphia
"Press" " ; - and Proposals for one-cent bronze blanks in the "Tribune" "Mail" and "Express", New York, and "Bulletin", and "Press", Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 1, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Statements of deposits and purchases for January not received.
Telegraph in round ounces deposits of

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United States gold and silver coin.

E. O. Leech
Director.

March 1, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. Mint
Philadelphia.

Your dispatch reads February - January deposits are wanted.

E. O. Leech
Director.

March 1, 1890.

Telegram

John J. Valentine,
Wells Fargo & Co. Express.
San Francisco.

Please instruct your agents in New Mexico to furnish Mr. Hadley with any information they may have relative to bullion shipments during last calendar year.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

March 1, 1890.

Messrs. B. Westermann & Co.,
#812, Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to pay the enclosed account of Messrs. E. S. Mittler & Sohn, and charge the same in your account against this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of one Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100000.-) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 3, 1890.

The Assayer in Charge,
U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th ult. I would say that I did not stop the payment of any checks drawn by Mr. Pride during your absence so that I presume all that have been drawn have been honored by the Assistant Treasurers.

I felt quite sure that your failure to receive the necessary approval of some one to act during your absence before your departure, was an oversight on your part.

I would like to have the report on Idaho in my hands in shape for the printer, the first week in April, but as soon as you have arrived at any definite figures as to the product of the territory I would like

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you to inform me by letter or by telegraph the latter part of this month the estimated product of gold and silver, in fine ounces. That is to say, in order to assist me in estimating the product of the country, which I shall do some time this month, as soon as you have arrived at any definite product for Idaho. subject of course to change upon your part, I would like you to telegraph the product in fine ounces, in round figures - say - gold, 95 000 ounces and silver, 2,500,000 ounces, or whatever the figures may be.

I would suggest that the tabular matter in your report be given in fine ounces and value silver at coining rate ($1.2929 per ounce fine) instead of standard ounces as in last years report.

The product of the different mines can, if considered more desirable, be reported in values, but if so, use no cents but only dollars.

I would like some introductory matter, say a brief review of the present mining industry, touching somewhat upon the methods of extracting the precious metals and where they are shipped.

I would like you to see that all tabular matter is properly footed, and the names of mining properties properly spelled before the manuscript leaves your office.

I notice a statement of the product in the report of the Governor of Idaho, for 1889. I have no idea how correct or valuable this is, or where the figures were obtained. It seems to me that the product is very much exaggerated in the Governor's report.

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he makes the product of all the metals nearly double in 1889 what they were in 1888 and the product of the precious metals about double the actual product for the calendar year 1889.

As soon as I have finished the compilation, I will forward you a statement showing the amount reported by private refineries in the United States as received by them produced in the territory of Idaho, and also the amount of refined product of Idaho deposited at Government institutions.

I am more interested in getting correct statistics than in exaggerating the product of any particular section of the country.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 3, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Union Pacific (and branches) Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of September 1889, from Council Bluffs Ia. to Granger Wyo of 2 cases stationery amounting to $2.52 consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Wages and Contingent expenses of your office, fiscal year 1890.

Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Two (2) Similar letters, with exceptions noted, addressed to:

over

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

from Denver Colo. & Granger Wyo. of 1 bbl. of Fire Clay $3.42

Duplicate bills of lading herewith.

Northern Pacific October 1889,
Garrison Mon. & Helena Mon.
1 bbl. of Fire clay $1.42

Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco Cal. by wire.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 3rd, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

C.D. No. 762 for $93.19, being on account of melting, assaying and stamping charges, inclosed in your communication of the 24th ultimo has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 3d, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectfully named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 150000 Ounces, @ 0.9665
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 80000 Ounces, at @0.9670

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

American Exchange National Bank, 34000 Ounces, at @0.9660

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause to be sent to the mint of the United States, at New Orleans, as early as practicable, twenty [20] pairs of standard silver dollar dies. The Superintendent states that he will need a supply by the 15th instant.

Please give this matter your attention.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 3, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 28th ult. relative to the Joseph Francis Medal, I would say that as the appropriation is unlimited, and the medal a very expensive one, I would suggest that the case ordered for the medal be in keeping with the elegance of the medal.

I do not know how many bronze copies the friends of Mr. Francis will wish, but if there is no considerable expense connected with their manufacture I would suggest that you strike a half dozen copies in bronze.

Will this medal be placed on your list of medals and copies sold to the public? I inquire because there have been some demands on the bureau for copies of it.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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March 1, 1890.

Hon. J. H. Walker,
The Shoreham,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your communication of the 25th ult. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I enclose herewith a statement showing the amount of gold and silver, and paper money in each of the principal countries of the world. I may say that in many cases the estimates in this table are very rough guesses, notably in the cases of India and China, where it is almost impossible to know even approximately the stock of silver coin in circulation, but in the majority of cases the estimates are based upon official estimates furnished this bureau by the Governments of the respective countries, or upon the very best unofficial data.

I also enclose a copy of the report of Edward Atkinson on bi-metallism in Europe, in part four of which you will find the imports and exports of the precious metals from the different countries of the world for a series of years.

I also enclose a table showing the imports and exports of specie to and from the different countries of the world for the years 1877-1888, taken from statistical abstract of the United Kingdom.

This latter table does not separate gold from silver.

In addition I enclose the statement sent you a few days since showing the metallic stock and circulation of the Bank of England since 1840.

Trusting this information will answer your

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purposes so far as relates to the matters embraced in your letter referred to this bureau.

I am, very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 3, 1890.

Hon. Antonio Joseph,
House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the communication which you left with me this morning from Mr. Hadley, relative to the product of New Mexico, I would say that I am not so anxious for statistics of the production as I am to have you furnish a memorandum in regard to the advantages of Socorro for an assay office, and some reasons why one is needed.

If you will jot down very briefly this information I would be pleased.

I know substantially the product of New Mexico each year.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 3, 1890.

Telegram

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer of thirty-four thousand ounces at ninety-six and eighty hundredths cents, per ounce fine accepted, other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director

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Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram to:

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall St.
New York.

March 8, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offers declined.
E. O. Leech
Director

March 3, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau St.
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 4th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 1st. instant request

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ing that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of one hundred thousand dollars ($100000) in gold coin, to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, I have to state that it is desirable, as far as practicable, that you should pay out over the counter the gold coined at your mint, and especially should this be the case in payment for deposits of gold, otherwise a large amount of gold coin will accumulate at your mint much beyond its requirements, which is undesirable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 4, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the Joseph Francis medal I would say that the 12th of this month being the 89th anniversary of the birthday of Mr. Francis it has been suggested that it would be desirable to have the President present the medal on that date, and to that end I would suggest that if possible the medal reach Washington this week. Still I do not wish any haste at the expense of proper execution of the medal and the preparation of a suitable case for its reception.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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March 4, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter, just received, asking an increase in the appropriations for the support of your Mint for the next fiscal year, I would say that I do not consider it expedient or necessary to recommend any increase in appropriations for the Mint service.

I have already assured you that the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver dollar will be used as a deficiency appropriation in case of necessity, so that you need have no anxiety as to lack of funds for the payment of the necessary expenses of your Mint.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 5th 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the supplemental Ordinary expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending September 30, 1889, was returned to you on February 15th., for correction with the request that the original Statement be returned to this Bureau. This request you did not comply with.

Please return the same at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 5th 1890.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 1st. instant relative to bar No. 1086, you will forward to this Bureau a corrected statement of the shipment to the Mint at Philadelphia of which this bar formed a portion and will treat the original shipment statement as if it had not been made out. If a new certificate receipted by the depositor is obtained which will take the place of the one originally made out, there will be no necessity that I can see for any correction in your accounts. If the depositor pays you the difference in cash it will be deposited by you to your credit with one of the depository banks as a portion of your bullion fund. In order to have prevented

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this the simplest way would have been to draw a check for the deposit which is now ready for payment payable to the same individual, for the difference between the value of this deposit and the amount which he is to refund, taking credit in your accounts for the full value of the deposit now ready for payment.

If the matter is not perfectly clear to you on reading this letter please inform me what the difficulty is and I will endeavor to remove it.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 5, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts, with abstracts and vouchers, for the month ending February 28, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Coinage & Storage Expense

Bullion Accounts, Months of Nov. & Dec. 1889.

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March 5, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $6,200.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$3,400
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	2,000
Contingent Expenses,	1890	800

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

$501.40

Salaries	1890	$301.40
Wages of Workmen	1890	200.00
Contingent Expenses,	1890	

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

$22,500. Mint

Salaries	1890,	$3,500.
Wages of Workmen	1890,	14,000.
Contingent Expenses	1890,	5,000.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

$5,000,

March 5th 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday relative to the Joseph Francis medal, you have my authority to place it on the list of medals.

In this connection I would say that when you forward the medal I will thank you to forward under separate cover a brief statement in regard to it such a statement as I can furnish to the President or possibly to the newspapers, covering a description of the medal, what the different emblems on the medal are supposed to

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represent by whom it was designed and by whom modeled, its weight, size and the quantity and value of fine gold contained and the fineness of the gold. Show it compares with other medals which have been struck at the mint, that is whether it is the largest and most valuable or not, some memoranda of the cost of the manufacture of the medal, the time is took to engrave it, the number of engravers employed etc. in short the material for a brief history of it such as the President or the public might desire.

You will please forward the medal as soon as it is finished and the bronze copies separately. I would also like to know what the cost of future bronze copies will be, as I have many inquiries. Of course there will be no charge for the die which I ordered to be sent for Mr. Francis.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

March 5, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to day approved your bill of the 15th ultimo for the manufacture of 10 pairs of standard silver dollar dies (amounting to $264.60) for the use of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. The amount will be paid from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar and covered by transfer warrant to the following appropriations of your Mint.

Credit of Wages of Workmen, 1890 - $ 194.40
" " Contingent Expenses, 1890 - 10.20

Respectfully yours, E. O. Leech, Director.

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March 5, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to day approved and referred for settlement a bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $204.60, for the manufacture of 10 pairs of standard Silver Dollar dies for the use of your Mint. The amount will be paid from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard Silver Dollar and credited by transfer warrant to the following appropriations of the above mint:

Wages of Workmen, $194.40
Contingent Expenses, 10.20

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 5, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your supplemental Ordinary Expense account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar to meet in part, the expenses of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 5, 1890.

Thomas Egleston, Esq.
35 West Washington Square
New York.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of the 3rd instant, relative to the Troy pound and the meetings of the Assay Commissions, has been received and I thank you for the suggestions which it contains. I will say that the matter will receive my consideration.

I have been and still am, so busy upon practical matters of mint business, especially in the compilation of statistics for public men, for use in the discussion of the silver question, that I have not had a moment to give to the consideration of the subjects which you suggested when you were here, and which are embodied in your letter.

One thing however I will have done without delay, and that is the safe custody of the Troy pound at Philadelphia, and

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the removal of any danger of further abrasion by handling. I shall instruct the Superintendent that this Standard is not to be exhibited to any one except by special authority from me.

Thanking you for your suggestion, I am,

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 5th 1890.

Hon. N. W. Aldrich,
United States Senate.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

As orally requested, I send you herewith certain statements relative to the stock and circulation of the precious metals in the world, with the authorities.

I also enclose a statement prepared by myself from official and the best unofficial data relative to the stock of precious metals and coins in circulation in the principal countries of the world at the present time. I may say that some of the estimates in this table are mere "guesses", notably the stock of silver in India and China, and all I can say in favor of them is that they have been made to conform to the guesses of the best informed persons on those subjects.

Trusting they will prove of interest to you, I am,

Very respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. P. B. Plumb
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 1st. instant, I enclose herewith an approximate Estimate of the gold and silver money in the principal countries of the world.

I also return herewith Mr. Kelly's letter enclosed by you.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 6, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifteen thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-one $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars ($15,531.\frac{30}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Fifty two $\frac{18}{100}$ Dollars ($62.\frac{18}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-three $\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars ($15,593.\frac{48}{100}$), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte as shown by Memorandum dated March 3, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Boise City National Bank.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 6th, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of O. C. Boshyshell, Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars [$450,000] on account of profits on the coinage of Silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your Statements of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarters ending, Sept. 30, and Dec., 31, 1889 are herewith returned for correction.

This statement must show only the Amounts disbursed by you and must not cover bills paid by the Department for Stationery &c.

You have entirely omitted the amounts paid out of the Appropriations for "Repairs of Building &c.", which must be included in your Contingent expenses as shown in the returned Statements.

You will please return the Statements herewith enclosed with corrected ones at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 6, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Boise City National Bank.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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Telegram Confirmed.

Supt. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Return bullion accounts and statements with form one ninety three for each month.

E. O. Leech
Director.

March 6, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have to request that hereafter when rendering form No. 193 you will enter the local and departmental purchases separately. Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 6, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City,
Nevada.

Sir:

The misunderstanding regarding the return to you of your Bullion accounts and statements for the quarter ending December 31, 1889, arose from the fact of your not sending with your Bullion Accounts a copy of Form 193, for each month instead of quarterly as you did: which in future you will do.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
Director.

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Assayer in charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Mch. 3, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 2 dated Febry. 28, 1890 has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $15,629.$\frac{71}{100}$, charges $36.$\frac{23}{100}$, and net value $15 593$\frac{48}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 6th, 1890.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office.
Helena Mon.

Sir:

The proposal of the "North West Eclectric construction and supply Co." of St. Paul, Minn., for the erection of an electric plant for the purpose of lighting your office submitted in your letter of January 23rd. last is hereby approved and you are authorized to contract with the company for the work, taking its guarantee that the plant, fixtures and material shall in all respects be first-class.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to letter of 26th. inst., regarding disallowance of $1.52 overpaid Southern & U. S. Ex. Co., in the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1889, the sum of 85¢ (the fine shipments of Silver to Key West, Fla., via Tampa), of the above disallowance will be allowed, owing to a change in the distance to Tampa, Fla., which in future, will be 763 miles.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 6th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co., 150 000 Ounces, at $0.9657

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Messlage Colgate & Co., 50000 Ounces, at $0.9645
Handy & Harman 150000 Ounces, at $0.9640.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I have this day requested that Secretary of the Treasury) be cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, the sum of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars [$450,000] and that your bullion fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. William M. Evarts,
Chairman, Committee on Library.
United States Senate.

Dear Senator:

The Joseph Francis Medal is finished and will be forwarded to me from Philadelphia on Friday or Saturday of this week.

I am informed by the friends of Mr. Francis that the 12th of this month will be the eighty-ninth anniversary of his birth, and they thought it would be a fitting occasion for the President to present the medal. I presume there will be some ceremony connected with it, and I would like to confer with you on the subject and possibly we might go together and see the President either this week or after the medal reaches here.

If it is entirely convenient for you to do so, I would be pleased if you would stop at my office, or, if you prefer, I will go to the

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Senate, if you will indicate at what day and hour I can see you and the Committee on the subject.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. John L. Wilson,
House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:

Referring to House bill No. 931, introduced by you to establish an assay office at Spokane Falls in the State of Washington, I would suggest that you furnish me at an early date with a memorandum covering the advantages and necessities of an assay office at this point.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 6th. 1890.

Prof. T. C. Mendenhall
Supt. U. S. Coast Survey.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant transmitting the re-adjusted metric weights for the assay department of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, which have been forwarded to that institution.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegram to:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

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Telegram Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
51, Wall St.
New York.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 6, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram to:

Moselage Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street,
New York.

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First Auditor;
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho for the quarter ending Dec. 31st 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 7, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

In your Bullion Accounts for quarter ending Sept. 30, 1889, you have credited $312.45 charges deducted at Philadelphia Mint. The amount does not agree with reports forwarded this Bureau and I have changed the amount to $312.55.

Your opening balance for January 1st, 1890, will be:

Coin,	$28,271.68
Mint at Philadelphia,	25,316.04
Collection Charges,	$ 253.46
Bullion Fund,	53,333.66

Please make correction.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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March 7, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending December 31st, 1889, with my approval, except the sum of 10¢ – error in the Standard weight and Value of Silver in Gold deposit #468, Oct. 3, 1889.
Standard weight should be $2.75, instead of $2.85, Value should be $2.32, instead of $2.42. It also reduces the amount of Silver contained in bars paid depositor to $2.30.
No disallowance recommended.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 7, 1890.

Pearis B. Ellis, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your bond as Assayer of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, and filed in the Office of the First Comptroller.
Please find your commission enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech,
Director.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending February 28, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 7, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of March 1890, has been approved for the sum of $236.80 payable from the following appropriations for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1890 $236.80

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 7, 1890.

Ottomar Haupt, Esq.,
28 Rue St. Georges,
Paris, France.

Dear Sir:

Will you be good enough to have a copy of your Arbitrages et Parités sent to this Bureau without delay. By so doing so you will greatly oblige.

Yours respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 8, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven $\frac{45}{100}$ Dollars ($38,707.$\frac{45}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Eight $\frac{20}{100}$ Dollars ($408.$\frac{20}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total of Thirty-nine Thousand One Hundred and Fifteen $\frac{65}{100}$ Dollars ($39,115.$\frac{65}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum dated March 4, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 8, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery + Stand. Sil. Doll. Coinage & Storage Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. for the Month ending February 28, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated March 4, 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 22, dated Feby. 26, 1890 has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $39,214.07, charges $98.42, and net value $39,115.65. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Coinage & Storage accounts for the month ending February 28, 1890 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your

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Mint during the month of March, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $33500 payable from the appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$ 3,500
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	25,000
Contingent Expenses	1890,	5,000

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $1500.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution, during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Melting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $1,000.00, from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver dollar to meet, in part, the expenses of your mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours, E. O. Leech, Director

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th., inst., enclosing bids for 100 barrels M. & R. sweeps and your acceptance of the bid of Messrs. E. Balbach & Sons $4,040.70 is approved. The bids are returned.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

February 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The medal of Joseph Francis was received to-day.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith your Accounts for the bullion used in, and case for the "Joseph Francis Medal", and request that you will send on account for the same including Expressage.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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March 8, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending February 28, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Hon. Wm M. Evarts
Chairman Joint Committee on the Library.

Sir:

The Medal to be presented by the President to Joseph Francis, authorized by act of Congress, August 27, 1888, has been received at this bureau, and I hold it subject to the wish of the Committee on the Library.

For the information of the Committee I enclose a copy of a communication from the engraver of the mint, written in response to a letter from this bureau, giving a description of the medal.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 10th. 1890

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of

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the United States in the name of Andrew W. Smyth, Superintendent of the United States mint at New Orleans, La., the sum of two hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars [$255,000] on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 10, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending February 28, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. Note recommendation in Abst. of disbursements.

Very Respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of January 1890, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

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The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $ 1,500.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of March 1890, has been approved for the sum of $5500.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$2,500
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	6,000
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	2,000

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director,

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver Colo.

$2,300.00

Mint

Salaries,	1890,	$ 900
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	1,100
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	300

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th. inst. relative to the Hammond typewriter, you have an-

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-thority from this bureau to buy a new typewriter if you need it; but I would say for your information that we have had in use in this bureau four of the leading typewriters in the market, namely, the caligraph, Remington, Hammond and Yost and that all of these excepting the Remington are now in use, and the result of an experience of a number of years in this bureau has been that the Hammond does the best work of any. It has one advantage in that you can use a great many kinds of types with it.
We have never used any of the machines especially in manifolding and I presume it would require one with metal type to manifold.
After this statement you are authorized to do what you think for the best interest of the service.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 10, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending February 28, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending February 28, 1890, with my approval, except petty voucher for telegrams, Ordinary account, in which an error of 5¢ occurs, which I have recommended to be disallowed, and the amount will be refunded to the proper appropriation.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, the sum of two hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars ($255,000) and that your bullion fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar expense account for the month of February.

Your attention is again called to the habit of putting up and mailing these accounts in separate packages when they are not bulky enough to render it necessary.

A part of these accounts was received from the Treasurer to whom they were sent instead of this Bureau. Please cause more care to be observed in future.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You were advised under date January the 15th of the receipt of your commission as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans and requested to execute and forward a new bond. Your attention was again called to the matter on the 17th ultimo without eliciting a reply.

I must therefore request you to forward the bond without further delay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 150,000 Ounces, at $0.9610
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 75,000 Ounces, at $0.9610

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

American Exchange National Bank, 34,000 Ounces, at $0.9595
Heselage Colgate & Co. 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9600
J. & W. Seligman & Co. 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9600
Handy & Harman, 200,000 Ounces, at $0.9598

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Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Stationery supply will be shipped this week.
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the report of the assayer of this Bureau upon the tests coins received at your Mint and forwarded to this bureau for test, for the month of January 1890, your attention is called to the fineness of the first double-eagle delivery No. 1, which is 899.4.

Section 6 of article 22 of the Regulations requires that gold ingots for coinage shall not be allowed to pass when they are below 899.5. Evidently this was in violation of the Regulations and you will please direct the assayer's attention to this fact.

In this connection I would call your attention to the fact that all of the gold coins ran below standard considerably. The object should be to have them run as near standard as practicable.

As most of these coins run very close to the limit allowed (899.5) and as it is presumed that the annealing of the ingots increases the fineness it is fair to assume that a number of the melts of ingots must have run below the minimum fineness allowed by the Regulations, (899.5)

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Editor, New York World,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the enclosed editorial from your paper permit me to say that the bill to abolish the three-cent piece was drafted by me and introduced in the House by Mr. McKenna at my request. The same bill provided for the abolishment of the $3 and $1 gold pieces.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

March 10, 1890.

Joseph Francis, Esq.,
127 C'tte St. N. E.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request I herewith send you a copy of the letter of the Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia, giving a description and cost of the "Joseph Francis" medal.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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Telegram

M. A. Meyendorff,
Helena, Montana.

Any arrangement satisfactory to the officer in charge and which will not endanger the proper melting of deposits satisfactory to me.

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint

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Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams to:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau St.
New York.

Nesslage Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

March 10, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.
E. O. Leech, Director

March 10, 1890

Telegram Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offers declined.
E. O. Leech Director.

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March 11, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.-), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 11th 1890.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of yesterday relative to a new type-writer, I would say that I have today seen a machine for manifolding which I consider so excellent that I have determined to purchase one, and if you desire I will purchase one for your Mint.

It can be used with any type-writer having metallic keys and with the Hammond with two slight changes which I intend to have introduced on the Hammond in my Bureau, viz: an extra strong carriage spring and an extra strong hammer spring. The Hammond people have these appliances and if you have them applied to your Hammond machine the mimeograph can be used at your Mint. The strong carriage and hammer springs [which

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are now being applied to all the Hammond machines manufactured, will enable you to manifold on carbon paper directly on the machine, as well as with the mimeograph.
The mimeograph costs, the one which I have purchased, about $22.50, and will make 1500 copies from a sheet of parafine paper written on by the typewriter.
I mention this solely for your information, and will be guided entirely by your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 11, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:
I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 11th, 1890.

Hon. John H. Reagan,
1202 "O" Street,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:
As orally requested to-day, I send you herewith two statements, one showing the

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production of gold and silver in the world each year since 1873 and the other showing the stock of gold and silver in the United States each year since 1873.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 11th. 1890.

Prof. T. C. Mendenhall,
Supt. U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 10th instant and of the two documents enclosed, which I will highly prize.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 11th. 1890.

Hon. William M. Evarts,
Chairman, Committee on the Library,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator:

Enclosed herewith I forward duplicate receipted bills for the actual amount of gold contained in the Joseph Francis medal, and for the case and express charges on the same.

Will you do me the kindness to approve these bills and return them to me for reference and payment.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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John W. Zedenberg, Esq.,
#1332 "L" Street N.W.
City.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find statement showing by months, from April 1st, 1888, to December 31st, 1889, the average London price per ounce of Silver .925 fine, and the equivalent in U.S. money (at Par of Exchange $4.33,65), per ounce for Silver 1000 fine.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

We have no statement compiled showing the average price paid for Silver each month since the reply to the Stewart resolution. The table which you saw in the report for 1889, shows only the average price of silver for the previous month.

E. O. L.

March 12th, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Samuel C. Wright, Superintendent of the United States mint at Carson City, Nevada, the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that the bullion fund be said institution be increased by the transfer of the same sum.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 12, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending February 28, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 12th, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name the sum of fifty thousand dollars, [$50,000] on account of profits on the coinage of Silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by the transfer of the same sum.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 12th. 1890.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th. instant requesting permission to purchase of Henry Boemmer, of Philadelphia, four [4] small adjust-

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-ing balances similar to those now in use in the coining department of your Mint, you are authorized to purchase such balances as you need.

While in Philadelphia recently I was shown by Mr. Troemner an improved adjusting balance, which they are using in the Philadelphia mint, and while the cost is somewhat greater than of those now in use in your mint, I would suggest that you purchase the improved balance.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of this Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refiner and Stand. Silver Dollar Expense accounts for the month ending February 28, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the appointment of Curry as conductor at $3.50 a day, vice Robinson reduced to $3.00 I had not acted on the appointment,

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waiting to talk to you about it. There seemed to be no pressing hurry for the appointment of an additional conductor and I had thought some arrangement could be made by which Capt. Robinson's pay could remain at $3.50 a day. It has always seemed to me that the pay of the conductors was out of proportion to that of other persons in the mint, as they have the lightest work to do, and that a new man coming in should hardly receive a higher compensation than one who has spent years in the Mint service and who occupies the important position of Captain of the night watch. I would prefer, if agreeable to you, that Capt. Robinson's pay should be fixed at $3.50 a day, but still I do not insist upon it, and leave the matter entirely to your discretion.

My only reason for not acting on Curry's appointment was that I wanted to talk to you on the subject.

If upon receipt of this you deem it advisable to pay Curry $3.50 a day and Robinson only $3.00 you have my approval by this mail.

Very respectfully

E. O. Leech

Director.

March 12th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

The Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library has approved the bill for the Joseph Francis Medal and I have referred the same with my approval to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination

and settlement, and in the course of a few weeks a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

I return herewith the vouchers belonging to your medal fund account and duplicate bill for the medal.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 12th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I telegraphed you to day that on your monthly and annual statements of deposits covering the calendar year 1889 you had entered among the fine gold deposited at your mint 11,076.639 standard ounces, crediting the same under refineries to "California".

I understand from your letter covering the deposits so classified for the month of January of the present year that this gold embraces the deposits of numerous refineries.

I beg to direct your attention to the letter from this Bureau of June 9, 1888, addressed to your predecessor, and to his reply of the 16th on the same subject.

All refined gold should be classified by the name of the refineries depositing it, otherwise I am liable to make duplication in the statistical work, so I telegraphed you to day to know the names of the refineries which had deposited the gold mentioned above.

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Statements have been kindly furnished by all the private refineries in the United States producing bars of fine gold and fine silver as to their product for the calendar year 1889, and the states and territories in which produced and among these reports is one from the Amador and Phoenix Reduction Works reporting a product of fine gold bars containing 9,633 fine ounces, and of the Maltman Reduction Works of Nevada City, reporting 31,030 fine ounces of refined gold, both credited to California.

In order to prevent duplication it is necessary that I should know whether this gold was deposited at your Mint, and if so whether it was classified as "refined" or "unrefined". I do not find it enumerated on your statements under the names of the two refineries mentioned, nor am I sure that they produce fine gold bars or I have asked you to inform the Bureau on the subject. As I am at present at work on these statements I desired the information by telegraph, but presume you will send detailed statement by mail.

Hereafter, I would be pleased if you would instruct the proper clerk that the refined gold is to be classified by refineries, as is done at all the other mints and assay offices, and not lumped under the name of "California" or any other name.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

Eleven thousand seven sixty five standard ounces refined gold deposited last calendar year, credited under refineries, to "California" Give names of refineries. Amador and Phoenix Reduction Works report nine thousand six thirty three and Maltman Reduction Works thirty four thousand nought thirty five ounces refined gold produced last year. Was this gold deposited at your mint and bold classified refined or unrefined?
Telegraph answer.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

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The Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 10th. inst. you are authorized to accept the bid of Henry Boemmer for the old scale weights now at your institution. The proceeds ($75.00) will be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th inst. relative to the assignment of another room on the west next to the receiving room in the new custom house building for the use of your office, I have to say that I have seen the Supervising Architect on the subject, the room referred to will be assigned to you, and he has at my request today marked it on the plan for your use.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 13, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred and Three 48/100 Dollars ($15,303.48/100) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Thirty-two 55/100 Dollars ($232.55/100) in Silver Coin, making a Total of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-six 03/100 Dollars ($15,536.03/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum dated March 8, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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March 13, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1890, has been approved for the sum of $875.50 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1890,	$275.50
Wages of Workmen,	1890, }	600.00
Contingent Expenses,	1890, }	

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 13, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated March 8, 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 20 dated Feby 28, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $16 579.00; charges $42.97, and net value $16,536.03/100.

For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Referring to your statements of Deposits and Purchases for the calendar year I find that they do not agree with your Bullion Accounts being 10 standard oz. more than the amount reported in the accounts. The error probably occurred in the statements for October. Please forward corrected statements as soon as practicable so as to conform with your Bullion Accounts.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 13, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th ultimo I desire to say that if you still regard the employment of an additional outside watchman as an actual necessity I will approve the appointment if submitted.

It would be gratifying to me if the operations of your mint could be carried on without exceeding the appropriations.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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March 13, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

+ + Ordinary Expense account + + +

March 13, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to the gold coins (double eagles) sent on for special test, for the month of February, which I have examined as to their mechanical execution I notice that the coins are rough around the edges, showing that the collars do not make a perfect impression or else there is some trouble with the milling. The same defect occurs in the Silver dollars, - rough edges.

While the defect is not very great I think it should be corrected, and you will please direct the Coiner's attention thereto.

The mechanical execution of the

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coins at our mints should be perfect.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

omitting the following sentence:
"The same defect occurs in the silver dollars - rough edges."

March 13th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectfully named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 150,000 Ounces, at $0.9545

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Handy & Harman, 25000 Ounces, at $0.9545

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March 13, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 10th. inst, relative to the cost of the bronze copies of the Joseph Francis Medal, it seems to me that the price you state, $9.00 is too high.

Mr. Francis has asked for a larger number of these bronze copies than I feel authorized to give him. I had decided to give him five and to retain one in this bureau, but as yet the bronze copies ordered have not been received. Of course there will be no charge for these six. He wanted a great many more as he has requests from many distinguished societies for them, but I informed him that aside from the five which I propose to give him for nothing, the other copies would have to be procured from the mint at such price as we should decide upon. I had not thought that they would cost any such amount as $9.00, and while I am not in a position to judge of the actual cost to the Government of striking such a medal, aside from the cost of the metal, which is insignificant it would seem as if it should not approach such a figure as $9.00. We are not so anxious to make a profit on this business of the manufacture of medals as we are to furnish copies to Numismatic and other societies at as low a price as the cost to our service will justify.

As you are in a position to be better informed, both from your experience as Coiner and from the advice of your officers, as to the actual cost of striking

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such a medal in bronze, I must necessarily leave the price of this medal very much to your judgment, but unless the actual cost approximates so large a price as $9.00 I would prefer that the price of the bronze copies be set at a lower figure.

In this connection I would say I am not sure whether any price list of medals has been published since you and I assumed the duties of our present offices; if not I would suggest that you prepare such list for my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 13th. 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant stating that the Army Marksmanship medal dies had been prepared and delivered to the Coiner, I have to request that you will instruct the Coiner to strike these medals as early as practicable as the War Department is very anxious to receive them, and some time since it was stated that they would be furnished early in the present month.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 13th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I return herewith the contracts with Merchant & Co. for Nickel 5-cent and bronze 1-cent blanks, enclosed in your letter of the 27th. ultimo.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 13, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 12th inst. in regard to paying for incurdent coin deposits, I see no objection to the present Cashier carrying out the practice of his predecessor in this respect. Such practice will meet with the approval of this bureau.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 13, 1890.

E. B. Zabriskie Esq.,
Melter & Refiner U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your official bond as Melter & Refiner was yesterday approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and has been filed in the Office of the First Comptroller.

Please find herewith your commission bearing date January

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16th, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 13, 1890.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,
President, Bank of New-Amsterdam,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 12th. inst. the Superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia will forward to you, at your expense, upon receipt and collection of a draft in his favor, such an amount in three dollar gold pieces, not exceeding the sum of $500, as you may desire.

There are no gold dollars at the mint for distribution.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 13th. 1890.

Frederick A. Caulfield Esq.,
Jolly's Hotel,
Denver, N. J.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant inquiring about certain proof sets ordered some time ago has been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. No such letter was received at this Bureau as the one you mention.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau St.
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech,
Director.

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Telegram Confirmed.

Clark Dodge & Co.
57 Wall St.
New York.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 14, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100000.-) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, Cal. by wire.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 14, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Rise City, D. T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 14, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco in gold coin by wire.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 14, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of March 1890, has been approved for the sum of $11,000.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

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Salaries,	1890	$3000
Wages of Workmen	1890	6000
Contingent Expenses	1890	2000

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech,
Director.

March 14, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans La.

Sir:
I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6000, from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, to meet, in part, the expenses of that coinage at your mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 14th. 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:
The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of February and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received viz:

24 Standard Silver Dollars $24.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

2	Doubled Eagles	$40.00
12	Standard Silver dollars	12.00
	Total	52.00

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of February and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:

24 Standard Silver dollars $24,

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted to.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

12 Double eagles	$240.00
24 Standard Silver dollars	24.00
Total	264.00

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram

G. E. Bailey,
Rapid City
S. Dak.

Silver should be calculated at one dollar twenty nine twenty-nine per fine ounce, or one dollar and four elevenths per Standard ounce.

E. O. Leech
Director.

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March 15, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La., for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the stationery division, Treasury Department, for stationery shipped you on the 28 of January 1890, amounting to $78.33 payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your mint fiscal year 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

28th of Dec. 1889 $252.18

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Telegram

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Hereafter you will deliver your bullion to the American Express Company under contract made to day.

E. O. Leech
Director.

March 15, 1890.

Assayer in charge,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

The bureau has accepted the proposal of the American Express Co., to transport gold bullion between your office and the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of $2.40 per one thousand dollars in value.

You are hereby instructed to deliver your bullion to the agent of the American Express Co. in Helena.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In order that the accounts of Mr. Montigut as Superintendent of the Mint may be closed satisfactorily owing to certain corrections made in them by reason of overpayments in shipping silver dollars, the receipt which you gave him is herewith returned with

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the request that you will make it out, and sign it as prepared in lead pencil.
The changes are very slight and are explained in the accompanying lead pencil memorandum.
You will notice that the amount of ordinary funds which you receipted for has been deducted, as you had no business to receive moneys advanced from appropriations, and the amounts were covered into the Treasury in the name of Mr. Montégut and credit given him in the settlement of his ordinary accounts.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 15th, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:
I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1889 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:
I will thank you to inform me whether you furnished any gold bars during the last calendar year to Messrs. Glorieux & Woolsey 230 Broad St., Newark, N. J., and if so the number of fine ounces of gold and silver.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th. instant I would say that if any considerable quantity of the coal delivered by the contractors is inferior in quality to that contracted for, the parties should at once be notified that no further deliveries will be received from them and that the difference between the price paid in open market and the contract rate will be collected from them. If the inferior deliveries, however, were the result of accident it would be better not to proceed to this extremity.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 15th, 1890.

Paul Cummins Esq.,
Nelsonville, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th. instant has been referred to the Commissioner of the General Land Office for reply.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 15th 1890.

Hon. Justin S. Morrill,
Chairman of the Committee on Finance,
United States Senate.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th. instant en-

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Enclosing Senate Bill No. 1367 for the relief of the heirs of James C. Booth, late Melter and Refiner of the mint at Philadelphia, and asking a report on the advisability of allowing the claim, I respectfully submit the following statement:

Professor James C. Booth was appointed Melter and Refiner of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia in 1849 and continued to serve in that capacity until the date of his death, March 23, 1888. During this time Mr. Booth handled large amounts of both gold and silver bullion. During the fiscal year 1885 as Melter and Refiner of the Mint Mr. Booth received 646,62.931 standard ounces of gold bullion with a wastage of only 7.885 ounces, and 28,936,0.69.91 standard ounces of silver bullion with an apparent wastage of 3,541.93 ounces.

It appears that on the 3rd. of January 1885, the Melter and Refiner missed three silver bars which had been delivered to him during the year numbered 7087, 7093 and 7113 which contained 1,980.12 ounces of silver.

As his books showed no record of these bars having been melted he immediately communicated the information of the loss by letter to the Superintendent so that on the settlement of his accounts for the fiscal year the wastage actually allowed him was 1,561.81 ounces. No trace of these bars has ever been found.

During the lack of vault room at the Mint at Philadelphia the silver in bars, and for which the Melter and Refiner was obliged to receipt, was stored in the court yard without any protection whatever from theft except that afforded by the watchman, and as the Melter and Refiner had no power to provide

extra means for the safety of the bullion it would appear that he was only technically responsible for it. As credit could not be allowed the Melter and Refiner for the stolen bars as wastage he was required to deposit with the Superintendent an equal amount of silver bullion, which he did promptly when called upon to do so by purchasing the bullion in the open market.

Inasmuch as proper storage facilities were not afforded the Melter and Refiner by the Government in which to store the bullion in his custody I am clearly of the opinion that relief should be granted in this case to the heirs of the late Melter and Refiner for the loss of this bullion.

From July 1, 1874 to March 23, 1888, Professor Booth, as Melter and Refiner of the Mint, handled 31,255,534.264 ounces of gold bullion of the value of $581,498.309 on which the legal allowance for wastage under section 3542 of the Revised Statutes would be $581,498.31, while the actual wastage was only $58,137. He handled of silver bullion during this time 341,940,331 ounces of which the coining value in silver dollars was $397,894,401. The legal allowance for wastage on this under section 3542 of the Revised Statutes would be $596,841, while the amount actually wasted was only $14,565.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

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March 15th, 1890.

J. T. Bingham, Esq.,
71 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 14th instant asking to be informed as to the defalcation in the Boise City Assay Office, you are respectfully informed that it occurred during the incumbency of Norman H. Camp, the Assayer in charge, who was suspended from Office on account of it April 30, 1885, and Mr. Spruille Braden was appointed as his successor. Mr. Camp was indicted by the grand jury for embezzlement, found guilty and sentenced to five years' imprisonment at hard labor and a fine of $10,000.

The defalcation happened prior to Mr. Braden's appointment and he was in no way connected with it, in fact it was on account of this defalcation that Mr. Camp was removed and Mr. Braden appointed.

I transmit herewith a copy of a communication addressed by the Director of the Mint to the Secretary of the Treasury recommending the suspension of Mr. Camp and the appointment of Mr. Braden.

I would further say that when the vacancy occurred in the Helena Assay Office occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Russell B. Harrison, Mr. Braden was transferred and appointed Assayer-in-charge of the Helena Office, the transfer being considered in the nature of a promotion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1890.

Telegram

Charles Fargo, Esq.,
Vice-President, American Ex. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Your proposition to transport gold bullion from Helena to Philadelphia accepted. Officer in charge has been instructed to deliver bullion to your agent.

E. O. Leech
Director.

March 15, 1890.

Charles Fargo, Esq.,
General Western Manager,
American Express Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Your proposal to transport gold bullion between Helena, Montana, and Philadelphia, at the rate of $2.40 per one thousand dollars in value is hereby accepted.

The officer in charge of the assay Office at Helena, Montana, has been instructed to deliver to your agent all bullion for shipment to the mint, and you will please instruct your agent accordingly.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 15, 1890.

W. F. Barden, Esq.,
Plainville, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant enclosing $4.50 and requesting certain proof coins has been referred

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to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, to whom your application should have been addressed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 17, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Willard H. Dimond, Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars [$150000] on account of profits on the coinage of Silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 17, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your statements of Earnings & Expenditures for the months of October, November and December are herewith returned for correction.

In the month of October error of 4¢, in Coinage $. S. Dollar account, amount should be $5,353.48 instead of $5,353.44.

In the months of November and December,

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Statement, error of $7.00 in wages account; amount should be $10,342.92, instead of $10,335.92.
Error of $100. in Parting and Refining account; amount should be $334.33, instead of $234.33.
Please send corrected statements without delay and return the originals.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 17th 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:
Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 75060 Ounces, at $0.9565

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Clark Dodge & Co. 100000 Ounces, at $0.9560

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Supt. U.S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars [$150,000] and that your bullion fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 17th, 1890.

D. M. Shuler, Cashier,
Bank of Hickory,
Hickory, N. C.

Sir:

I return herewith your draft for five hundred dollars [$500] in favor of Superintendent Mint, Washington, with the information that there is no such officer in Washington.

I enclose herewith Treasury circular which will explain to you fully the mode in which you can procure silver coin.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Thos. Egleston, Esq.
School of Mines, Columbia College,
Cor. 49th St. & 4th Ave.
New York.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your favor of the 14th inst. I take pleasure in sending you herewith copies of the reports of the proceedings of the Assay Commissions of 1887 and 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 17th, 1890.

James Coatsworth, Esq.,
Galena, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter requesting copies of the "Mining Resources of the United States" and "Mining Resources West of the Rocky Mountains" has been referred to the Director of the Geological Survey for reply.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer for New Orleans, accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director

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Telegram Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia.
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank.
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams to:

Handy & Harriman
24 Nassau St, New York.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

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March 18th, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-five and four tenth cents, per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston - Acting Director -

Similar telegram to:
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

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March 18th, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Reduce purchasing rate of Silver to ninety-five and a quarter cents, per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

March 18th. 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Until further notice purchasing rate for Silver in lots of less than ten thousand [10,000] ounces will be ninety-five and a quarter cents [$0.95¼], per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

March 18, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1890.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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March 18, 1890.

Hon. Joseph B. Walker,
"The Shoreham".

Sir:

In compliance with your verbal request, made this morning, I have the honor to state as follows:

First:

The Bank of England is authorized to issue notes to the full amount of the Government indebtedness to it which on February 26, 1890, was £11,015,100, and on "other securities" as per Par. 5 of the Bank Charter Act of 1844 relating to the Bank's power to increase securities in the issue department and to issue additional notes.

Paragraph 5 referred to under which "other securities" have accrued is as follows:

5. Provided always, that if any banker who on the 6th of May, 1844, was issuing his own bank notes shall cease to issue his own bank notes, it shall be lawful for her Majesty in Council at any time after the cessation of such issue, upon the application of the said governor and company, to authorize and empower the said governor and company to increase the amount of securities in the said issue department beyond the total sum of value of fourteen million pounds, and thereupon to issue additional Bank of England notes to an amount not exceeding such increased amount of securities specified in such order in Council, and so from time to time: provided always, that such increased amount of securities specified in such order in Council, shall in no case exceed the proportion of two-thirds the amount of bank notes which the banker so ceasing to issue may have been authorized to issue under the provisions of this act, and every such order in council

shall be published in the next succeeding London Gazette.

These other securities on the date above mentioned amounted to £5,434,900.

The Bank of England notes issued beyond the sum of these two amounts must be represented by gold coin or bullion in the vaults of the Bank, and there is no limit to the amount of which bullion may be received in the issue department of the Bank of England and notes issued thereon. Thus on February 26, 1890, there were in gold coin and bullion £22,441,090, making a total security fund of "government debt" "other securities" "gold coin and bullion" of £38,891,090. The amount of notes issued on that date was therefore £38,891,090.

The two items "government debt" and "other securities" are almost constant quantities at present while the item "gold coin and bullion" is quite variable.

Second.

The Banque de France is the only bank of issue in France. Its capital is 182,500,000 francs. ~~Its capital is 182,500,000 francs.~~ The issue of notes by that institution is regulated by the wants of the public, but since the passage of the law of Jan. 29, 1884, its note circulation cannot exceed 3,500,000,000 francs, but may reach that amount.

Third.

In Germany the issue of bank notes is regulated by the law of March 14, 1875 the tendency of which is to bring the various issues to a common type and to unite them all in the Imperial Bank.

The right to issue notes is limited to thirty-

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three banks that existed in 1875.
In case any of these banks cease to exercise its right to issue, that right would pass to the Imperial Bank.
2d. It is provided that the circulation shall not exceed three times the amount of the metallic reserve.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

March 19, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and eight $\frac{96}{100}$ Dollars ($12,908.\frac{96}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Four $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars ($204.\frac{03}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total of Thirteen Thousand One Hundred and Twelve $\frac{99}{100}$ Dollars ($13,112.\frac{99}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum dated March 15, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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March 19, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. for the month ending February 28, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Also certificate on abstract of disbursements.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

March 19th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts for the month of February and referred same to the accounting officers of the Department for adjustment and settlement with my approval except vouchers #150 and 157 of the Ordinary account and petty voucher No. 5 of the same account. The first of these, bill of Mr. Rail under date of February 14th shows an erroneous calculation as follows: 38 lbs iron @ 6¢ = $2,28, carried out $2,88. In the other, bill of Justinian Caire, 12 doz. rests and crucibles are charged at 60¢ instead of 50¢ as per his contract.

Petty bill #5, shows the purchase of 5 lbs of sal ammoniac of Geo. E. Thaxter at 25¢ per lb. an excess of 9¢ over the contract rate with Mr. Caire. The aggregate overpayments in these vouchers

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is $2.25 which amount will be recommended to be disallowed and you will take up same in your next account current.

Your attention is also called to Mr. Cairo's charge of $1.25 per hundred numbers for B.L. Covers Nos. 90, 60, 50 & 30. The prices of these covers is not specified in the contract but it does fix the price of $1.00 per hundred numbers for the No. 2 covers. Please explain the difference between these covers and why you have not contract for the above numbers instead of the "2½" which seem to be less frequently used.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston.

March 19, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed please find roll of the Coiner's department of your Mint, originally filed with your Ordinary account for the month of February, returned as requested in your letter of the 13th instant. The substituted roll has been placed with the account.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

March 19, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated March 15, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the

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United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 107 dated March 12, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $13,149.98/100, charges $36.99/100, and net value $13,112.99/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty 96/100 Dollars ($10,830.96/100) in Gold Coin and One Hundred and Twenty-six 99/100 Dollars ($126.99/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-six 15/100 Dollars ($10,956.15/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Philadelphia, as shown by Memorandum dated March 15, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director

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March 20th, 1890.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the quarter ending Dec. 31st 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

Assayer in Charge
Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

March 20, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to inform you that your bond as Assayer-in-Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury yesterday and has been delivered to the office of the First Comptroller for file.

Please find your Commission bearing date the 14th of January, herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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March 20th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

+ + + + + except error of 16¢ in charge on Gold deposit #442, should be $3.69 instead of $3.53. Also error of 10¢ in Collection a/c Phila. Mint which I recommend be disallowed.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 20, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In reply to letter of the 12th instant, submitting bids for the wiring of your mint with a view to the introduction of the electric light system of illumination, you are hereby authorized to contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the performance of the work, taking a

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guarantee that the same shall be done in a workmanlike manner, that it will light the Mint satisfactorily and that all precautions, in the way of proper insulation of wires shall be taken. It would seem desirable that the bids should give the price of lamps as well as any other expense that may naturally be connected with the work.

Please find bids submitted by you herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 20th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 55000 Ounces, at 90.9555
Fourth National Bank, 50000 Ounces, at 90.9550

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 20, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 18th inst., forwarding the proposals for nickel and bronze blanks, your recommendation that the bid of the Scoville Mfg. Co. at the rate of $0.31.94 per pound for five cent blanks be accepted, is approved and you are authorized to enter into a contract with the Scoville Mfg. Co. to furnish 200,000 pounds of five cent Nickel blanks, or so much thereof as the Government may require, at the price of $0.31.94 cents per pound, and 500,000 pounds of one-cent blanks, or so much thereof as the Government may require, at the price of $0.19.94 per pound.

The proposals are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 20, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $130.00 from the appropriation for contingent expenses Office of Director of the Mint, 1890, to pay expenditures incurred by you in connection with the collection of mining statistics, as per your letter of the 11th inst.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech Director

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March 25, 1890.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated March 15, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 108 dated March 15, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $10,982.68/100, charges $26.53/100, and net value $10,956.15/100. For the latter amount, a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 25, 1890.

Charles H. Colburn, Esq.,
Coiner, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your official bond as Coiner of the U. S. Mint at Carson City was approved yesterday by the Secretary of the Treasury and has been filed in the Office of the First Comptroller.

Please find herewith your commission bearing date Dec. 24, 1889.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver.

Your offer for New Orleans accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 20, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram to:

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

March 20, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Will accept for New Orleans instead of Philadelphia.
E. O. Leech, Director.

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March 20, 1890.

B. Westermann & Co.,
839 (812) Broadway,
New York.

Gentlemen:

In my letter of Jan. 29, 1890, ordering certain periodicals for the Bureau of the Mint, I ordered among others "The Monatshefte zur Statistik des Deutschen Reichs" for 1890. No number of it for that year has as yet been received here.

Please have the same forwarded at your very earliest convenience. It has been already paid for.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 21, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending February 28, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 21st, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Telegraph at close of business on twenty-second instant amount and cost of local purchases of silver in March.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams Sent To:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

March 21st, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

On the 4th instant the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia forwarded to you ten [10] pairs of standard silver dollar dies. No acknowledgment of the receipt of those dies has been received at this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 21, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper ac-

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-counting officers of the Department for examination and Settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts for the month ending February, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 21, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Architect reports that you desire no openings for ventilating purposes, and no gas pipe connection in new Vault. Should it not be ventilated and lighted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

March 21st, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 15th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. Henry D. Emerson, I enclose herewith a copy of a letter addressed Mr. Emerson today, and I return his letter to you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

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March 21st, 1890.

Henry D. Emerson, Esq.,
Jackson, Amador County,
California.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 2nd. instant addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco I send you by mail today the reports of the Director of the Mint for the years 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888 and 1889, and also a set of the reports of the Bureau on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States for the years 1884 - 1888 inclusive, bound copies except for the year 1884, for which year the stock of bound copies is exhausted.

In regard to the publications mentioned in your letter by J. Ross Browne and Prof. Raymond I would say that they cannot be obtained except by purchase from book sellers or individuals who have them, as they have been out of print for a number of years.

In regard to the reports of the State Mineralogist of Nevada, it will be necessary for you to communicate with the Governor or the Comptroller of that state for such reports.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 21, 1890.

Hon. R. P. Bland
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your favor of yesterday, enclosing a letter from the

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business manager of the Evening Chronicle of St. Louis, addressed to Hon. Charles H. Mansur, House of Representatives, relative to a supply of bronze cents in St. Louis, Kansas City and in Missouri generally. I beg to direct your attention to the fact that the letter of Mr. Young is dated the 6th of last December, and was written at a time when there was, as he states, a great demand for these coins, and the mint was working until midnight daily to supply the demand. Since his letter was written the demand has been fully supplied, and we have now in the Assistant Treasury at St. Louis $1,350 in one cent bronze pieces which any one can obtain on demand, and the Treasurer informs me that the stock in the Assistant Treasury is daily increasing from deposits of bronze cents at that institution for redemption in lawful money. I would say that there is now at the mint at Philadelphia a stock of new cents, amounting to $84,620, and I have just entered into a contract for the purchase and coinage of 500,000 pounds of bronze cents, so I think I may safely say that under my administration of this service no deficiency will occur in the supply of minor coins, as it is my intention to keep a large stock on hand at the mints and sub-treasuries.

I would further say that there is no delay now in obtaining minor coins at the mints, and that they are shipped free of expense to any one who asks for them, upon receipt and collection

of a draft in sums of $2000 or multiples there-
-of, but in cities where we have sub-treasuries,
in order to avoid expense, we require that
application shall be made at the sub-treasury.
I enclose herewith two or three copies of a
circular which I have issued in regard to
the distribution of minor coins.
The letter from Mr. Young is herewith re-
-turned.
Trusting this information will be satisfac-
-tory to yourself and to Mr. Young, I am,
With great respect,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 21, 1890.

Hon. Edwin H. Terrell,
U. S. Minister to Belgium.

Sir:
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your esteemed favor of the 6th instant, trans-
-mitting under instructions from the Depart-
-ment of State, the information in regard
to the coinage of gold and silver in
Belgium during the year 1889, and cer-
-tain enclosures, for all of which I beg to
express my thanks.
Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. R. Q. Mills,
House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Mills:

I send you herewith the statements that you left with me, with other revised tables in the same line brought up to date, to take the places of the ones you left.

Trusting the tables herewith transmitted will answer your purposes, I am, with great respect,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 21, 1890.

Mr. J. E. O'Connor
Assistant Secretary of the
Government of India,
Calcutta, India.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 6th ult. transmitting statements showing the gold and silver coinage and re-coinage at the Calcutta and Bombay mints during the calendar years 1888 and 1889, and to thank you for your promptness and kindness in forwarding the same.

The tables showing the production of precious metals in India are awaited with some interest, and I will be pleased if you will forward an approximate statement of the product even if you cannot give the details covering the two years named, in order to assist me in estimating the product of the precious metals in the world.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 21, 1890.

Messrs. Zimmermann and Forshay.
No. 11 Wall St.,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 20th. inst. I would say that it has not been the practice of this bureau to inform individuals or banks in regard to the amount of silver purchased on any given day. What information is given out by this bureau is given through the public press, and I do not like to set a precedent of furnishing information to private firms.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 21st. 1890.

Messrs. S. K. McHenry & Co.,
111 and 113 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Penna.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your communication of the 17th instant addressed to the Bureau of Statistics, I transmit herewith a statement showing the quantity of silver produced in the United States in fine ounces, and the coining and market value of the same, each calendar year since 1880.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 20, 1890.

Hon. Wm. M. Evarts,
U. S. Senate.

Dear Senator:

What has been done about the presentation of the Joseph Francis medal? I have been away from the city on official business and have heard nothing from you on the subject and I felt a little anxious to know whether anything had been done in regard to it.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 22, 1890.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

In your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1889, I have to call your attention to the following errors: - Gold deposit #442 error of 16¢ in Charges for T. R. P. & Alloy, should be $3.69 instead of $3.53. You will please credit your Collection account and debit your Coin account with this difference.

Also an error in Amount of Silver in #352, being an underpayment. Also an error of 10¢ in Collection account - Phila., Mint Charges on Shipment #10, Should be $36.92 instead of $37.02.

After making these corrections your opening Balances, Jany. 1st, 1890, will be:-

Coin	$20037.75,	Bullion Fund,	$36,075.69
Mint in Phila.,	16,355.74,	Collection a/c.,	317.80

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1890.

Asst'n Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Id. T.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Union Pacific (Oregon Short Line & Idaho Central branches) Railway Co. for the transportation in the months of September 1889, from Granger Wyo. T. to Boise City of Mint Supplies, amounting to, $1.90 consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for wages & Contingent Expenses of your office fiscal year, 1890.

Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Three (3) Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

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November 1889 Chicago, Ills. & New York City
1 Box glassware, 65¢, consigned by you
to Messrs Einer & Amend. Contingent
expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1890.
Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.

1 Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Hannibal & St. Joseph July
1889, St. Louis & Kansas City Mint
Supplies $1.19
Contingent expenses of your
Mint fiscal year 1890.
Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.

(2) Two Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Union Pacific (Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern
branches) September, 1889,
Granger Wyo. Silver Bow, Mon.
$3.42
Contingent
expenses of your Office, fiscal year, 1890.
Duplicate B/L herewith.

Montana Union December
1889, Silver Bow, Mon. & Garrison, Mon.,
52¢
Contingent
expenses of your Office, fiscal year, 1890.

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March 22, 1890.

Hon. William B. Allison,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator:

Referring to our conversation of yesterday relative to the item which was inserted in the deficiency bill in the House and which was stricken out in the Senate, authorizing the re-coinage of the subsidiary silver coins in the Treasury now amounting to nearly $23,000,000, and the coinage of the same into denominations of coin for which there is current demand, and the payment of the loss by abrasion and in melting from the silver profit fund, and notably to the objection which you raised in regard to this item, namely: the continued coinage of silver at the present ratio, I desire to repeat and emphasize what I said to you orally, that the weight and fineness of the present subsidiary silver coins of the United States was made by the Act of February 12, 1873, to correspond exactly with the weight and fineness of the standard silver coins of the countries of the Latin Union and other countries having the ratio of 15½ to one in their coinage.

The act named - Section 3513 R. S. - provided "the weight of the half-dollar shall be twelve grams and one-half of a gram"; so that two half-dollars, four quarters, or ten dimes, of the present subsidiary coinage of the United States weigh exactly twenty-five grams, and contain the same amount of pure silver as the five franc silver piece of France and the states of the Latin Union, the five peseta piece of Spain, the rix dollar

of the Netherlands, the silver dollar (or peso) of the Central American states, Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Peru.

If it was contemplated to abolish the present system of coinage in the United States with a view to the establishment in our coinage of the ratio of 15½ to one between gold and silver and the purpose was that the silver dollar of the United States should correspond intrinsically with the silver dollars of the countries having the ratio of 15½ to one the proper method of accomplishing that purpose would be to put in the silver dollar 347.22 grains of pure silver (the amount now contained in two half dollars) and to reduce slightly the amount of gold in the gold dollar.

If the ratio of 15½ to one was established and the gold dollar of the United States remained at its present weight and fineness the silver dollar would not correspond intrinsically nor would it circulate interchangeably with the standard silver coins of the countries enumerated.

Permit me to say that in the countries named, indeed almost universally in the world at the present time, the subsidiary or token coins are made purposely of less intrinsic value than the standard coins. All silver pieces coined in France and the states of the Latin Union except the five franc piece (which is the only full legal tender) are made of the fineness of .835 for the purpose of keeping them in domestic circulation. As the subsidiary silver coins of the

United States are only a limited tender among individuals, and redeemable by the Government in full legal tender coins upon presentation it is a matter of very little moment to the people whether they contain a little more or a little less of silver. It is only in coins that are standards of value and full legal tender that the question as to the quantity of precious metals to be contained cuts any figure.

As I said to you verbally there are now about $230000000 in subsidiary silver coins in the Treasury of the United States, which are carried as an "unavailable asset". Of this amount nearly $19,000,000, is in half-dollars for which there is no demand upon the part of the public.

If the appropriation of $30,000 made for the current fiscal year for the re-coinage of light weight coins in the Treasury $29000 has been used to pay the loss on the re-coinage of about $678,000, so that there is not appropriation available for any further re-coinage.

If we have to depend upon current appropriations of $30,000 in order to effect a re-coinage you will see that but little can be done to make this large unavailable asset such an asset of the Government as can be used in the redemption of bonds.

I believe that if Congress would give authority to recoin the pieces representing this unavailable asset into such denominations of coin as the people want I could in a few years put almost the entire amount in circulation in this country.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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March 22, 1890.

Hon. Frank Hiscock,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

As requested by your Secretary to-day I send you herewith the following statements:

1st. Table of the world's production of gold by calendar years from 1873 to 1888, inclusive.

2nd. Table of the Silver production of the world in fine ounces, commercial value and coining value, each calendar year from 1873 to 1888, inclusive;

3rd. Statement of the approximate amount of gold and silver money in the principal countries of the world. In regard to this statement I would say that in many cases it is a rough estimate, notably the amount of silver money in India, China and the Straits in regard to which estimates differ very widely. I have given you the most conservative estimate in these cases. In the case of the principal countries of Europe the estimates are based on official reports furnished this government by those countries.

4th. Statement of the estimated stock of gold, silver and bank notes in Great Britain and Ireland, France and Germany, and the per capita;

5th. Statement showing the amount of Money in circulation [outside of the Treasury] in the United States March 1, 1890, viz: $1,426,104,391;

6th. Statement showing the amount of Money in the Treasury of the United

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States at the same date, viz: $708,281,744;
7th. Statement of the public debt of the United States showing the cash in the Treasury and the different classes of interest and non-interest bearing debts of the Government.
8th A Statement of the amount of national bank notes outstanding this date.
Trusting this information will answer your purpose, and with the assurance that I will be pleased to furnish you any other statistics bearing on this or kindred subjects you may desire I am,
Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 22, 1890.

L. Guthrie Esq.,
Room 91 Corcoran Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:
I have this day approved and referred to the accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement three bills of the Union Pacific railway and branches, amounting to $16.80 for the transportation of Mint supplies from Council Bluffs to Granger, and from Granger to Boise City I.T., and to Silver Bow, Montana.
Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

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March 24, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Mint at Denver Cols. for the month ending February 28, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

U. S. Assay Office + Helena, Mon.

March 24, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Cols.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending February 28, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter addressed D:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

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March 24, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced to you the sum of $500. from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses Office of Director of the Mint, 1890 to meet the expenses of your Mint in connection with the collection of Mining statistics of the State of Colorado.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 24, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your official bond as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury on the 22nd inst. and has this day been referred to the First Comptroller's Office for file.

Please find herewith your commission bearing date December 26th 1889.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 24, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your communication of the 18th inst, transmitting papers relating to the construction

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of new vaults has been forwarded to the Supervising Architect with the recommendation that the proposition of Mr. Fully be accepted and the work expedited.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 24, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 60000 Ounces, at $0.9532.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 22nd, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon the assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of February, 890, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

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March 24, 1890.

Hon. John W. Noble,
Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a plaster model of a design for the Indian Peace medal, prepared from the sketch submitted by you. You will notice that some changes have been made in the design, from your sketch, namely, the introduction of a school house and an olive branch as an emblem of peace. An inscription has been placed around the subject of the medal. The reverse of the medal will be the head of the President.

Any changes which you consider desirable either in the design or the inscription, which conform to the artistic execution of a medal of this size and character will be made. The model is submitted for your inspection and criticism.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

March 24, 1890.

Chas. Fargo, Esq.,
Gen. Western Manager, American Express,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir: I

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 18th inst. relating to the contract for transporting gold bullion from Helena to Philadelphia, I would say that Section 3679 R. S. reads: "No department of the government shall expend, in any one fiscal year any sum in excess of appropriations made by Congress

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for that fiscal year, or involve the Government in any contract for the future payment of money in excess of such appropriations".

As the bills for the transportation of bullion between the assay office and the Mint are paid from current appropriations it is held that it is not within my power to make a contract extending longer than the current fiscal year.

For this reason it is best to leave the contract indefinite as to time, as has been the case heretofore, revokable at the wish of either party.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 24, 1890.

P. Hartmann, Esq.,
36 Maiden Lane,
New York.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 22nd inst., relative to the coinage of silver by the nations of Europe, you are respectfully informed as follows:

First: England substituted the single gold for the double standard in the year 1816, since which date no full legal tender silver coins have been stamped in that Kingdom. The subsidiary coins are struck on account of the Government.

Germany substituted the single gold for the double standard by the act of December 4, 1871, since which date no full legal tender silver coins have been stamped

in that Empire. The subsidiary coins are struck on account of the Government.
In 1873 Holland suspended the coinage of full legal tender silver, in the same year the Scandinavian Union composed of Norway, Sweden and Denmark was formed, which adopted the single gold standard, and since that date no full legal tender silver coins have been struck by these countries.
In 1876 Russia suspended the coinage of silver for individuals except for use in the Chinese trade.
In 1878 France, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy and Greece, constituting the Latin Union, stopped the coinage of full legal tender silver pieces.
In 1879 Austria Hungary suspended the coinage of full legal tender silver coins for individuals except a trade coin known as the "Levant Thaler."
Second. As to the seigniorage on the coinage of silver in those countries previous to its demonetization or suspension I would say that no Government charged what is properly understood by seigniorage. For a long time previous to the demonetization of silver most Governments however charged a small per-centage on the value of the bullion for cost of manufacture, sometimes called coinage charge or mintage.
England has charged nothing for the manufacture of its coinage since 1666.
Previous to the suspension of silver coinage France and the States of the Latin Union charged 1½ per cent. mintage per Kilogram or 7½ francs per thousand. In like manner Holland charged 1.20 florins per Kilogram. When Austria Hungary coined silver the

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charge was one per cent. of the coin value of the bullion. The mint charge of other states was proportionately the same as that of France but sometimes less liberal. As a rule, however, modern Governments have endeavored to keep the mint charge strictly within the cost necessary to cover expense of manufacture.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 24, 1890.

Messrs. J. M. Ney & Co.
Hartford, Conn.

Gentlemen:

In answer to yours of the 17th inst., I herewith enclose copies of your reports for the calendar years 1887 and 1888, also a blank for the year 1889, which I would thank you to fill out at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 24, 1890.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed.

Your offer for New Orleans accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director.

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March 24, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau St.
New York.

Fourth National Bank
New York

March 25, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Boise, Charlotte and St. Louis for the month ending February 28, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 25th. 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant requesting that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of twenty-five thousand dollars [$25000] to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, I have to state that it seems unnecessary that you should have funds placed to your credit both at New York and San Francisco, and would suggest that it is desirable to close out your account at San Francisco and that hereafter funds for the payment of gold deposits be placed to your credit only with the Assistant Treasurer at New York and with the Boise City National Bank.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

If you know of any valid objection to this change, please state it. E. O. L.

March 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 25, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, D. T.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of this Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending February 28, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

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Telegram

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Forward immediately statement showing denominations of domestic gold and silver coin deposited last fiscal year. Face value, loss. Also foreign.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

March 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I telegraphed you to-day asking what portion of the 1,457.26 standard ounces of domestic silver coins deposited at your Mint during the last calendar year consisted of subsidiary silver coins, and what portion of silver dollars. I desire the information for statistical purposes. What I want to know is the face value of the subsidiary silver coins deposited, and the face value of the silver dollars, if any.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 25th, 1890.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Forward statement to-day showing what portion of the one thousand two hundred and

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eighty-eight twelve standard ounces of domestic silver coin deposited last calendar year was silver dollars, and what subsidiary, giving face value of subsidiary coin.

E. O. Leech.
Director.

March 25th 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I telegraphed you to-day asking for a statement showing separately the face value of the subsidiary silver coins deposited at your institution during the last calendar year, and the silver dollars. This information is desired for statistical purposes.

What I want to know is what portion of the 1,288.12 standard ounces of domestic silver coins reported by you for the last calendar year consisted of subsidiary silver coins, and what portion of silver dollars, giving the face value of each.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 25, 1890.

Supt. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I herewith return for signature, assay report on Gold deposit #641, date July 27, 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward at once a statement showing the denominations and face value of the domestic coins, gold and silver, melted at your office during the calendar year 1889, and also the classification of the foreign gold and silver coins melted during the same year.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 25th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I desire to ascertain for statistical purposes the face value of the subsidiary silver coins deposited at your mint during the last calendar year.

According to the statements rendered I make the amount $655,600.81, as per the enclosed pencil memorandum.

I will thank you to have the figures examined and see if they are correct.

I cannot reconcile two of the statements enclosed in your letter of the 5th ultimo giving the deposits of silver coin at your mint during the last year, and I return them for any explanation which you may have to make.

Please let me hear from you at once on the subject.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech.

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Telegram

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Forward immediately calendar year statements imports and exports, Domestic and foreign coin deposited, by denomination, Bars for industrial use, Coin covered by transfer orders, by denominations, Face value, loss.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

March 25th 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Treasurer informs me that the amount of subsidiary silver coin transferred to your Mint during the calendar year 1889 was $100,000. $95,000 in half dollars and $5,000 in quarter-dollars. If any other subsidiary coins were deposited other than those transferred by the Treasurer of the United States for recoinage during the year please telegraph me on the receipt of this the face value of the subsidiary silver coins so deposited, not included in the $100,000 transferred by the Treasurer.

I also telegraphed you today for certain statements which should have reached the Bureau some time ago, viz: the usual statement of imports and exports at the port of San Francisco; a statement by denominations, of domestic and foreign gold coins deposited at your Mint during the last calendar year. Also a statement of the value and composition of bars furnished for industrial use during

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that year. I presume that none have been furnished, but it is important for statistical purposes that I should know.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 25th, 1890.

Hon. Frederick D. Grant,
E. E. and M. P. of the United States,
Vienna, Austria.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 5th instant forwarding in compliance with the circular letter of the Secretary of State, a report on the coinage of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, has been received at this Bureau with the enclosures, and I beg to express my thanks for the very valuable information which it contains.

I presume that the answers to the other interrogatories contained in the circular letter referred to will reach the Department in due season.

As the question of the standard and especially the continued and increasing use of silver in this country is now being considered by Congress, it is of special importance that the statistics in regard to the production, movement and stock of the precious metals in foreign countries be as complete as possible, and as it is the province of this Bureau to collate such statistics all of the information called for in the circular letter of the Secretary of State will be valuable, and is anxiously looked for.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram

William B. Dana & Co.
102 William St. New York.

Telegraphed the Chairman of Committee for Windom bill as amended. Not received as yet. Will forward as soon as received.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 26, 1890.

The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

If practicable I will thank you to furnish this Bureau with a statement of the number of travellers who left the United States for Europe from sea board ports during each of the fiscal years 1873–1889.

If the statistics are not at hand for all of these years I would be pleased to have a statement embodying the number for such years as you have the data. I would also like a statement showing for the same years the number of immigrants who arrived in the United States.

I desire this information in connection with my report on the production of the precious metals in the United States for the calendar year 1889, which I am now compiling, as bearing somewhat upon the question of the amount of coin which has been brought in and taken out of the country upon the persons of travellers.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I herewith enclose certificate of Gold deposit #5331, for signature.
Please send Assay report for Silver deposit #5, date November 5, 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 26th. 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd. instant relative to certain coin balances used in the adjustment of blanks, I would say that I know of no authority of law by which the United States can pay a royalty. If any royalty was paid heretofore it must have been paid by a private firm and charged in the bill for the scales. You say "The royalty heretofore paid was $5.". I do not find that any royalty has been paid by the Government unless it was charged in the price of the scales. So far as the balances made by the mint employés are concerned, the claim for royalty is one which should be presented to the Courts or to Congress.

So far as the scales furnished by Mr. Troemner are concerned, for which you say no royalty was paid, the claim for royalty should be against Mr. Troemner.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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William A. Brown, Esq.,
United States Consul,
San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua.

Sir:

Referring to the query submitted in your letter of the 12th ultimo, addressed to the Fifth Auditor of the Treasury: "Why is the value of the Chilian peso put down as 91.2 when the Peruvian sol is stated to be worth 69 5/10 cents?" I would answer that the reason for this difference in valuation of what seems to be practically the same coin is that Chili has by law the double standard while Peru has a single silver standard.

The practice of this Department in estimating the value of foreign coins, first laid down in the ruling of Mr. Sherman when he was Secretary of the Treasury and which has been followed since, is to estimate the value of the gold unit in countries having the gold or double standard and to give the silver coins which are interchangeable by law with the gold coins the same valuation, while in countries with a single silver standard the value of the silver coin is given the bullion value of the pure silver contained in it measured in measured in terms of the gold dollar of the United States. The principle underlying this decision is that in countries having the double standard the silver coins, being interchangeable by law with the gold coins, have practically the same value while, of course, the coins of countries with a single silver standard are worth in our commerce only their bullion value.

Respectfully yours,
E. D. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 26th, 1890.

W. H. Tuthill Esq.,
Cashier, First National Bank,
Hammond, Indiana.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th instant you are informed that the weight of the five-cent nickel piece, as fixed by the act of February 12, 1873 and which was the same as in the original act of May 6, 1866 authorizing its coinage, is 77.16, which is equal to five [5] grammes.

The diameter of the piece was twenty [20] millimeters until January 18, 1883, when the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury increased it to twenty-one [21] millimeters.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 26th. 1890.

Ellis H. Roberts Esq.,
Assistant, U. S. Treasurer,
New York.

Sir:

During the absence of Stuart W. Cramer the Assayer-in-charge of the United States assay Office at Charlotte, N. C., from March 25th to March 27th inclusive, Mr. G. B. Hanna Assistant Assayer, will act in his stead, and you will pay checks between those dated signed by Mr. Hanna as Acting Assayer-in-charge.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 26th., 1890.

Telegram

William P. Dana, & Co.,
102 William Street,
New York, N. Y.

Copy of Windom bill as reported mailed you this morning.

E. O. Leech
Director.

March 27, 1890.

Hon. R. P. Porter,
Superintendent of the Census.

Dear Mr. Porter:

In compiling some statistics as to the per capita circulation of money in the United States, comparing it with the amount in circulation in the principal countries of Europe, it is necessary that I should make use of figures representing the population of the United States at this time.

I had thought of taking 60,000,000 as approximately representing the present population of this country and would be pleased to have your opinion as to the approximate accuracy of the figures mentioned.

Any statement which you make on the subject will be solely for my own information and in the line of accurate statistics.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 27th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

No statement has been received from you showing the amount of silver delivered by the Fourth National Bank on their sale of fifty thousand ounces on February 24th at ninety-five and three-quarter cents [$0.95 3/4] per ounce fine. I will thank you to forward the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech.
Director of the Mint.

March 27, 1890.

Telegram

American Exchange National Bank
New York.

Confirmed

Your offers declined.
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 27, 1890.

Telegram

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram to:

Fourth National Bank
New York.

March 28, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-three Thousand and Twenty $\frac{39}{100}$ Dollars ($43,020.\frac{39}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Four Hundred and Sixty-three $\frac{22}{100}$ Dollars ($463.\frac{22}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-three Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-three $\frac{6}{100}$ Dollars ($43,483.\frac{6}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver as shown by Memorandum dated March 19, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 28, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National and Denver National Banks, Denver Colorado.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + San Francisco + . + Five Hundred

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Thousand ÷ ($500000-) — ÷ with the Assistant
Treasurer U. S. at New York. + + +

March 28, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated March 19, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 23 dated March 15, 1890 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $43,601.86/100, charges $118.25/100, and net value $43,483.61/100. For the latter amount, a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 28, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Denver National and First National Banks, Denver, Colo.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, with exception here noted, to:
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

over

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+ + + Five Hundred Thousand + + ($500,000-)
+ + + Assistant Treasurer of the United
+ States at New York. + + +

March 28th. 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:
In compliance with your request of the 27th. instant, you are authorized to purchase a supply of pass book's.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 28, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

Five Hundred Thousand placed to your credit at New York. You can draw.
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 28th. 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Ship silver dollars by express only. Pay expenses from silver profit fund.
E. O. Leech
Director.

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March 28, 1890.

H. J. Tuttle, Esq.,
1513 9th Ave.,
E. Oakland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of the 22nd inst. relative to employment in the San Francisco Mint, has been received and referred to the Superintendent of the Mint in that city.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 28th, 1890.

B. Westermann & Co.,
812 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sirs:

Please order for the Bureau of the Mint, the "Nouveau Dictionnaire d'Economie Politique", edited by Messrs. Leon Say and Joseph Chailley. Send the four numbers of the work that have already appeared immediately, and the others as soon as they appear.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 29, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand

Dollars ($100000) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 29, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer by One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, in gold, by wire.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

March 29th, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant and accompanying papers relative to sewer tax, the same are herewith returned with a decision of the First Comptroller of the Treasury, and if you will have the bill sworn to by the proper officer and return it with the accompanying papers I will have it approved for the amount of the principal, payable from an appropriation to be obtained for that purpose.

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If any attempt should be made to sever the Sewer connection of the Mint you will inform the Bureau by wire and the United States Attorney will be instructed to take the necessary steps to prevent it.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 29, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to day approved and referred for payment Two bills of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, dated March 4th and 22nd. 1890, amounting in $511.60 for the manufacture of 20 pairs of standard Silver dollar dies for the use of your Mint. The amount will be paid from the appropriation for the Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar and covered to the credit of the following appropriations of the Philadelphia Mint.

Wages of Workmen, 1890, $491.20
Contingent Expenses, 1890, 20.40

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 29, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your bills of March 4th. and 22nd, 1890, amounting in $511.60, for the manufacture of 20 pairs of standard silver dollar dies

for the use of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans has this day been approved and referred for settlement. The amount will be paid from the appropriation for the Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar and covered by transfer warrant to the credit of the following appropriations of your Mint:

Wages of Workmen -	1890	$491.20
Contingent Expenses -	1890	20.40

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 29th. 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me what delays the execution of the contract of the Scoville Manufacturing Company for one cent and five cent blanks you were authorized to make by my letter of the 20th. instant.

I regard it as desirable that this contract should be made as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 29th. 1890.

Hon. J. H. Walker, M. C.
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to the item of £11,015,100 "government debt" carried as an asset of the Bank of England, against which notes are an-

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-thorized to be issued. I would say that this sum represents a debt due by the Government to the Bank.

The Bank Charter, under the act of 1844, after establishing an issue department in the Bank of England, provided that on the 31st. day of August 1844, there should be set apart by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England to the issue department of this Bank securities to the value of £14,000,000, "of which the debt then due by the public to the Bank should form part." That debt was then, and is now, £11,015,100. The remainder of the £14,000,000 consisted of "other securities". The original £14,000,000 have under the provisions of law, since grown to over £16,000,000. Thus on the 26th. of February, 1890, as per weekly statement of the Bank it was £16,450,000. Against these securities, which include the debt due by the government to the Bank of £11,015,100, that institution may issue notes to the full amount.

To explain the origin of this permanent debt to the Bank we must go back to the creation of the Bank. The first charter to the Bank of England was granted in 1694, and its relations as creditor of the government then began. Under the first charter the government borrowed £200,000 of the Bank at 8 per cent. This £1,200,000 was the foundation of the present permanent advance to the government of £11,015,100. The Bank charter was continued under successive acts of Parliament in 1697, 1708, 1713, 1742, 1764, 1781, 1800, 1833 and 1844.

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Under all these continuations of the Bank Charter the indebtedness of the government increased. In the Continuation of 1713, about the year 1721, the government's indebtedness to the Bank had increased to £9,375,027, 17 shillings, 10 pence.
Between 1727 and 1738 a portion of this amount was paid, leaving the debt £9,100,000 in 1838.
When the Continuation of 1833 was granted this balance of indebtedness had increased to £14,686,800. The act of 1833 provided that the quarter of this indebtedness, viz: £3,671,700, should be paid off, which left the present balance of £11,015,100 as a permanent advance by the Bank to the government, at the rate of 3 per centum per annum.
Under the act of 1844, as stated above, the permanent debt became part of the securities turned over to the newly created issue department against which it was authorized to remit notes.
As I understand it, therefore, the £11,015,100, carried as an asset of the Bank of England on account of "government debt," is a book entry representing the amount which the government owes the Bank and for which it pays the Bank 3 per centum per annum, and against which the Bank may issue notes.

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Enclosed herewith I send you a statement showing the stock of metallic and paper money in the United States at the commencement of the present calendar year,

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and the location of the same. The statement shows the amount held by the Treasury of the United States and its branches, the amount held by national banks, and the amount in circulation, the last caption meaning the amount outside of the Treasury and national banks, that is to say, in the hands of private banks and the public generally. It will be noticed that the amount in circulation that is held by private banks and the public generally, amounts to about $396,000,000 of metallic money and $746,000,000 of paper money, while the amount of gold coin alone reported to be, according to the statistics of this Bureau, in the hands of the public generally, and in private banks, approximates the large sum of $291,000,000. What portion of this amount is held by the public generally and what portion by banks it is impossible to state.

According to the Bankers' Almanac of July 1890 the number of banks in the United States at that date was 10,579, distributed as follows:

National	3,236
State	2,394
Savings	613
Private	4,336
Total	10,579

So that the number of private banks in the United States, including saving and state banks, that is the total number of banks exclusive of national banks, enumerated at that date is 7,743.

According to the returns received by the

Comptroller of the Currency about June 30, 1888, the amount of gold holdings reported by 3,527 banks other than national amounted to $44,288,254, and the amount reported to the same officer about the close of the fiscal year 1889 amounted to $46,911,683.

For the first time a systematic effort has been made on the part of this Bureau at the commencement of the present calendar year by way of a circular letter signed by the Secretary of the Treasury enclosing a form of report to ascertain the amount of gold coin held by banks other than national, numbering 7,743, in the United States, at that date. These reports are not all in but nearly so, and are now being tabulated and the results will be given you later but I may say that they are disappointing, as to the small amount of gold coin held by the large number of banks reporting, viz: 6,655, which so far as the returns have been tabulated aggregates only $31,138,648, considerably less than the amount of gold holdings reported by certain banks other than national to the Comptroller of the Currency at the close of the last and the preceding fiscal years. In explanation of this difference it may be said that the private banks which reported to the Comptroller of the Currency reported "gold holdings" that is to say they included certificates and, I presume, legal tender notes or whatever may fairly be said to represent gold holdings, whereas the reports to this Bureau embraced gold coin exclusively and when certificates or other form of money

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although convertible into gold, were reported, they were not included in the tabulation of this Bureau.

The table you left with me is returned herewith. Trusting this information may be of interest to you and serve your purpose, I am,

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

March 29th 1890.

Hon. Horace F. Bartine,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to House Bill No. 6423, authorizing the recoinage of the subsidiary silver coin in the Treasury into denominations such as the people want, and the payment of the loss from the profits which have been made on the coinage of silver called the "Silver profit fund" I have the honor to state that this bill was drafted by me with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Treasurer of the United States, the purpose of it being to provide some method of getting into circulation the present large amount of fractional silver coin in the Treasury without waiting for small current appropriations to pay the loss on the recoinage.

The amount of subsidiary silver coin in the Treasury and its branches at the present date is $22,774,257.95, of which $19,011,566.50 consists of half-dollars, $2,948,730 of quarter-dollars, $331,960.20 of dimes and

and $482,000.25 of unassorted. This large amount of abraded and undesirable coin is carried on the books of the Treasury as an "unavailable asset."

You will note that over $19,000,000 of it is in half dollars, mostly in the sub-Treasuries at New York and San Francisco. There is no demand for these half-dollars, and the amount in the Treasury is steadily increasing. They are largely abraded and worn, and if they could be recoined into new quarters and dimes they could be put into circulation.

The amount appropriated for the current fiscal year for the "Recoinage of gold and silver coins", viz: $30,000, has long since been exhausted in the recoinage of $678,000 of abraded silver coins in the Treasury, that is to say, $29000, have been used, leaving a balance so small as to be useless. The Secretary asked for a deficiency appropriation for this purpose for the current fiscal year, but I believe it has not been made, so that unless some action is taken by Congress the Treasury will be unable to re-coin any abraded coin in the Treasury until after the 1st. of July next, and with the appropriation which will probably be made for the next fiscal year only a small amount can be recoined.

It would seem eminently proper that the loss by wear and natural abrasion of these silver coins would be a proper charge against the large profits which have been made by the Government on their manufacture, and that instead of waiting for small annual appropriations to

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cover the wastage or loss by such recoinage authority should be given to the Department to reimburse that loss from the profits made on their manufacture, thus enabling the Department to keep in circulation a sufficient amount of change money and in such denominations as the people demand.

I earnestly trust that this bill will receive the favorable consideration of Congress.

I enclose herewith a statement prepared from the books of the Treasury showing the amount and denominations of subsidiary silver coin in Treasury Offices and mints at that date.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

March 31st. 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, N. Y., for the quarter ending Sept. 30th 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 31st, 1890.

Telegram

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Mail statement showing gold and silver bullion on hand to day, including bullion in transit.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram to:

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

March 31, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to the silver coins reserved at your mint during the month of February, 1890, and forwarded to this bureau for special test a report on which I send you to day, you will notice that the fineness of the silver coins averages 901.4 and that two of them run as high as 902 and one of them as high as 902.7.

In order that there might be no doubt as to the correctness of the assays of this bureau, samples of the coin reported 902.7 were sent to the assay office at New York for test, and without any knowledge of the fineness of the pieces the assay department of that institution reported the fineness to be almost exactly that found by the assayer of this bureau. It is evident that there is some trouble

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either in the work of the assay department of your mint or from the annealing the strips in the coiner's department.

It seems almost conclusive from the wide variation in the fineness of the coins that the trouble arises in the assay department. It is thought that possibly the proof silver used in your mint may be deficient in purity, and it is suggested that you send to this bureau for test a sample of the proof silver used in the assay department of your mint, and that occasionally when a new lot of proof silver is made you send a sample for test before using.

Your attention is directed to section 7, article 22 of the regulations which provides:

"In silver ingots the legal variation is .003, but in practice they should not be allowed to pass when they vary more than from .898, 5 to .901"

All of these coins except one are beyond the extreme limit allowed in this section, and while it is probable that the fineness may have been raised slightly in annealing, it is very unlikely that if the margin of .901 was observed by the assayer in reporting on ingots the fineness could have been increased by the operation of annealing to 902.7

You will readily see that if this high grade of fineness is allowed to continue in your coinage there will not only be a great loss of metal to the melter and refiner, who gets credit for his ingots only as standard metal, but there will

be great danger of some coin exceeding the limit of deviation allowed by law, which would subject all of the coinage of your mint to serious criticism.

If such a piece should be found by the (Annual Assay) Commission it would be the duty of such Commission, as provided in section 3547 R.S., to certify the fact to the President.

I would suggest that as a matter of precaution before paying out any of the coins in delivery No. 9 you send a few more pieces to this bureau for test.

As this is a matter of considerable importance I will thank you to give it your personal attention.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 31, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of February, 1890 and forwarded for test as required by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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March 31, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to the abstract sheets of the deposits of gold bullion at your mint during the months of October, November and December, 1889, the accounting officers of the Treasury have directed attention to the fact that a great many of the deposits embraced on this sheet are entered in the name of "S. C. Wright, Superintendent."

Your attention is directed to sections 15-18 of article I of the regulations, and especially to the last sentence of the first paragraph of section 16 which reads:

"The Superintendent or Assayer in charge, shall certify on the certificate of payment that the check in payment, giving the number, was drawn in favor of the depositor."

I find from an examination of the certificates of payment accompanying this account that you have not certified, as required by the regulations, to this fact.

Hereafter you will certify on the back of the certificate of payment the certificate signed by you required by the section of the regulations quoted.

At the Denver mint they have a rubber stamp for this purpose with the number of the check and amount and the name of the payee left blank, which reads as follows:

"I hereby certify that check No. ... Nat'l Bank, Denver, was drawn for $..... in favor of ..... 18..

..... Assayer in Charge."

I would suggest that you have a stamps made or that the certificate be written on each certificate ~~to be written on each certificate~~ of payment hereafter and signed by you, commencing January 1, 1890.

In regard to the account in question you will forward to this bureau the original statements of checks paid received by you from the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, covering the months of October, November and December 1889.

Hereafter you will forward at the end of each month, after you have examined it, the original statement received from the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco giving the checks paid during the month.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 31st, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Mail statement showing gold and silver bullion on hand today.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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Telegram

Confirmed.

Supt. Mint,
Carson.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to-morrow to ninety-six cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

March 31st, 1890.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Please forward by return mail a statement showing the standard ounces and value [cost] of the gold and silver bullion on hand at the close of business to-day. You will include the value of any bullion which has been shipped to the mint and which is in transitu, that is which has not reached that institution. The purpose of this inquiry is to ascertain the amount of gold and silver bullion in the mints and assay offices at the close of business to-day.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Supt. U.S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 28th. inst., relating to the purchase of ten tons of copper for alloy purposes in your Mint, I beg to inquire how long ten tons of copper will last. If they will last any considerable time beyond the close of the present fiscal year I would prefer to buy a smaller quantity in order not to swell the expenditures of the fiscal year unnecessarily.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 31st, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Please forward by return mail a statement showing the standard ounces and value [cost] of the Gold and Silver bullion on hand at the close of business to-day.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Penna.

Just two items:
Gold — value — Silver (total of all kinds) — cost.
E. O. L.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 31, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at your Mint will be ninety-six cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 31, 1890.

E. H. Roberts, Esq.
Assistant Treasurer, U. S.
New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th inst., relative to the designation of Mr. George B. Hanna to sign checks in the absence of Stuart W. Crane, assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C., I beg to say that the provision in Section 3502 R. S.:

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"In case of the temporary absence of the Superintendent the Chief Clerk shall act in his place"
is held to apply only to the Coinage Mints and the assay Office at New York (Sec. 3555) where the law provides for the Office of "Superintendent" as well as a "Chief Clerk".
In the case of the minor assay Offices Section 3560 R.S. provides:
"The Assayer at each of the assay Offices x x x shall have general charge of the Office x x x and shall discharge the duties of disbursing agent for the expenses of the office under his charge."
But there is no provision of law to the effect that the chief clerk shall act in the absence of the assayer. Indeed at the Assay Offices at Charlotte, Boise City and Deadwood there is no such Officer as a "Chief Clerk".
It has been held therefore that in the case of the absence of the Assayer some one must be designated to act and that such designation must receive the approval of the Director of the Mint before being operative as provided in Section 3502 R.S.
"but all such appointments shall be forthwith reported to the Director of the Mint for his approval."
In order that there may be no ground for question as to the validity of checks drawn I have instructed the Officers in charge of the minor assay offices that they will promptly report to this bureau any absence, and designate for my approval some one to act who is authorized to sign checks, and that the Assistant Treasurers will be notified by this bureau.
If you are of the opinion that a general authority from the Officer in charge is

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sufficient & am not disposed to insist upon any strict construction of the law which will give you additional trouble, but as the matter of safety to the Government it seemed to me that in the absence of any statutory authority there should be specific authority for any one to draw checks and that this bureau should know who is drawing checks and inform the assistant treasurers what checks they should honor.

Moreover I had thought that the enforcement of such a rule would have the effect to make the officers in charge of our minor assay offices more careful in giving authority to subordinates to sign checks.

Charlotte is the first case which has occurred, and unless for some good reason you prefer the old practice I will instruct the other officers to follow the same rule.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 31st, 1890.

E. W. Van Duzen Esq.,
Washington Street near City Park,
Battle Creek, Mich.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th instant transmitting a package of mutilated coin has been received and has been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed.

March 31, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams to:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

April 1, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Pa. of the sum of Twelve Thousand and Twenty six $\frac{21}{100}$ Dollars ($12,026\frac{21}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Eighty-nine $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars ($189.\frac{24}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twelve Thousand Two Hundred and Fifteen $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars ($12,215\frac{25}{100}$), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum dated March 28, 1890 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 1st, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

The authority to purchase a clock for the use of your office, requested in your letter of the 26th ultimo, is hereby approved, but I would suggest that the price named is unnecessarily high and that a cheaper clock would serve your purpose equally as well.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 1st, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of March, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $2000.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the Support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$500
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	1200
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	300

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted to same address.

April		$2500.00

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Salaries	1890	$ 700
Wages of Workmen,	1890	1200
Contingent Expenses,	1890	600

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April — $22,000.

Mint

Salaries	1890,	$3000
Wages of Workmen	1890,	14000
Contingent Expenses	1890,	5000

April 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 29th ultimo, recommending, in connection with Mr. H. C. Warmoth the appointment of Mr. Louis Desmarais as Coiner of the mint at New Orleans, I have to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You will please communicate to this bureau the reasons for the removal of H. P. Cheval, store-keeper and George Mc. Carty, engineer submitted in your letter of the 24th. ult. and approved by this bureau on the 28th. ultimo.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses of current fiscal year the accounts of the "Okes" for advertising "Proposals for one cent and five cent nickel blanks" amounting to $94.- in the aggregate.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 1st., 1890.

Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced upon the sum of $3,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar to meet in part, the expenses of your Mint on account

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of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. A. Leech
Director.

April 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 26th. ult., enclosing a letter from the Coiner relative to the limit of variation in Silver dollar blanks for "lights", I would say in continuation of my previous remarks on the same subject that when in Philadelphia a few weeks ago I made a very careful examination into the subject of "lights" and "heavies" at the mint in that City, and I find that the practice there has been since 1878 to condemn all silver dollar blanks over one grain light.

While the limit at Philadelphia is very safe I think unnecessarily so and I instructed the Coiner to increase the limit to one and a quarter grains.

I would suggest to your Coiner that he adopt that limit at your mint. It will certainly be much safer than the limit you have been using and it should cause but a very slight reduction in the percentage of good coin produced especially if the strips are carefully tested at the drawbench, which I presume is done in your mint.

Very respectfully,
E. A. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced upon the sum of $5,000 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April, 1890

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit-Memorandum dated March 28, 89, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 109, dated March 25, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $12,240.$\frac{69}{100}$, Charges $35.$\frac{44}{100}$, and net value $12,215.$\frac{25}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 2nd. 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have this day, approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for adjustment and settlement, a bill of the Revenue Cutter Service amounting to $10.00, for one National ensign for the use of your Mint, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 2nd, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

C.D. No. 196 for $43.25 being on account of sale of old material inclosed in your communication of the 31st ult. has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you (on your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury) as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters except as here noted, to same address:

C.D. No. 197 for $236.00 + + special assay of bullion +

, C.D. No. 198 for $2,296.38, + + sale of by-products +

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Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
Newport.

Sir:

C.D. No. 202 for $324.99 being on account of Alloy charges inclosed in your communication of the 31st ult. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted to same address:

C.D. No. 203 for $19,247.95 + Parting + Refining Charges. + + + + to the credit of the appropriations for Parting + Refining bullion. + + +

Four (4) Similar letters except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

+ + + + +

miscellaneous receipt.

C.D. No. 7644 for $44.00 Assay of bullion, no personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, as a miscellaneous receipt.

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Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have approved the contracts, and bond of indemnity of the Scovell manufacturing Company for supplying one cent bronze and five cent nickel blanks, and return the same herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E.O. Leech
Director.

April 1st, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of February 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:

24 $ Dollars 24.00
Total $24.00

Respectfully yours,
E.O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of February, 1890, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

You are authorized and instructed to grant permission to such employés who desire to attend divine service to be absent from the assay Office on Friday of the present week, without loss of pay and without counting against their annual leave of absence.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I to-day return the November, 1889 bill of the United States Express Company for transportation of U. S. Dollars. The bill has been checked and corrections made.

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The shipments to Homer, La., with a transfer at Gibsland, is correct. The U. S. Ex. Co., say they do not control the line and I have seen a subvoucher from Gibsland to Homer for the same.

Carrolton, Ga. should be 1 minimum.

The revised distance to Tampa, Fla., - 763 miles - takes effect from the date of letter rec'd from this Bureau regarding same.

The Ex. Co., claim, and are entitled to 2 minimums for shipment to Scranton, Miss., if transferred at Meridian, which they claim to have done.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 2nd., 1890.

Anthony Stumpf & Co.,
P.O. Box 411,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 1st. instant, you are informed that an act was passed by Congress June 28, 1834, reducing the weight of the eagle from 270 grains to 258 grains, and of the half-eagle from 135 grains to 129 grains. All gold coins struck in 1834 prior to the passage of this act had the words E. Pluribus Unum stamped thereon, but those struck after the passage of the act, in order to distinguish the change to a new standard from the old one by eight, the scroll bearing the motto, E Pluribus Unum, was omitted.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifteen Thousand and Fifty-two $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars ($15,052.\frac{03}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Fifty-eight $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars ($258.\frac{82}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred and Ten $\frac{85}{100}$ Dollars ($15,310.\frac{85}{100}$), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis as shown by Memorandum dated March 29, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 3rd, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Denver Colo. for the Quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1889 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 3rd, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver.

Sir:
I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:
Your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1889, is herewith returned for correction.
Your wages as should be $3,522.00 instead of $3,527.00.
Please return the original.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 3rd, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:
The following coins, received at your Mint during the month of March, 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

24 U. S. Dollars	24.00
Total	$24.00

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Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 3d, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parcels at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 80000 Ounces, at $0.9615

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Handy & Harman 25,000 Ounces, at $0.96
Handy & Harman 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9615

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your register of deposits for the quarter ended March 31, 1890, has been received.

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Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for payment from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint for this year the account of the New York Tribune for advertising for proposals for one-cent bronze and five cent nickel blanks, amounting in the aggregate to one hundred and twenty-six dollars [$126].

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Colonel:

Your favors of the 31st. ult. and the 2nd. inst. relative to the new mint are at hand. I have urged the matter from this end of the line all that I know how and have had frequent conferences with Mr. O'Neill and the Supervising Architect on the subject. I will do anything that you wish in connection with the matter, and take pleasure in doing so. I have addressed Gen. Bingham a communication on the subject and hope that it may prod him.

Your letter and the letters of your officers in regard to the mint were sent with

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the letters of the Secretary, the Supervising Architect and myself to the Committee on Public Buildings. I did not keep a copy of any of the letters from your Mint but the originals.

As I have told Mr. O'Neill on several occasions the bill is in the very best possible shape as far as the recommendations of the Department officers are concerned and there is no bill for public buildings before Congress with as strong recommendations. The one thing lacking now is concerted action upon the part of the Pennsylvania Delegation. If they will abandon small matters and take this in hand as the one thing they want I have no doubt they can get it through, especially as it does not involve any immediate appropriation.

I will let you know anything worth communicating that I learn on the subject.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 3, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday relative to the silver at the disposal of the melter and refiner, I find that you have on hand 1,924,078 ounces of silver.

It would appear from this that a very large portion of it must be already in ingots!

The purchases of silver for the current month

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will commence to day and doubtless a supply will be bought for your Mint.
I would suggest that the melter and refiner refine the silver in his possession as well as the gold, and that he prepare a stock of gold ingots so as to keep his force busy when not working upon silver say in the proportion of 50 per cent. of double-eagle ingots and 50 per cent. of eagle ingots.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 3, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City,
N.Y.

Sir:
I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $8000.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:
Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April, 1890, has been approved

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for the sum of $6000.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1890	$ 3,200
Wages of Workmen	1890	2,000
Contingent Expenses	1890	800

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

$488.40

Salaries,	1890	288.40
Wages of Workmen,	1890	200.00
Contingent Expenses,	1890	

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 110 dated March 29, 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 110 dated March 26, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $15,344.81/100; charges $33.96/100, and net value $15,310.85/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 3rd, 1890.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending March 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 3, 1890.

Supt U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 25th ult., relative to the necessity for a new pump for the artesian wells at your Mint, you are authorized to contract for the erection of a modern pump for the purpose named, at an expense not to exceed $1,000, payable from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

I would suggest that you invite bids for the construction and erection of the pump.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 3, 1890.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed

Receive from Selby Smelting and Lead Company thirty thousand ounces at

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ninety six cents per ounce fine.
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 3, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank.
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram to

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
24 Wall Street
New York.

April 3, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street.

Your offers accepted
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram to:

Selby Smelting and Lead Company
San Francisco, Cal.
Offer

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company
Denver Colo.
Offer per New Orleans

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April 4th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge;
Denver.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8056 for $2.00 being on account of Bullion assays (special) inclosed in your communication of the 31st ult. has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, for personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Three (3) Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address.

C. D. No. 8057 for $5.00 + + Sale of old material + + + +

C. D. No. 8058 for $318.91 + + Melting, assaying and stamping + + personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts + + + + +

C. D. No. 8059 for $124.29 + + + value of sweep bar for the quarter ending Mch. 31 + + + personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, + + + + +

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April 4, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

You will please cause 200,000 Silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of April.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

1,000,000.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

1,800,000.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

600,000

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April 4th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of the "Mail and Express" of New York for advertising for proposals for one-cent blanks amounting to twenty-six dollars and forty cents [$26.40] for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending March 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram

April 4, 1890.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Allow such employees as wish to attend divine service to-day without loss of pay or deduction from leave of absence.

E. O. Leech
Director.

April 5th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:
C.D. No. 84, for $175.50 being on account of Assay of ores for quarter ending Mch. 31st enclosed in your communication of the 3rd inst. has been received properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director

April 5th, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending March 31, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint,
Denver Colo.

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April 5, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $2300.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1890,	$900
Wages of Workmen	1890,	1100
Contingent Expenses	1890,	300

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

$10350.00

Salaries	1890,	$2700
Wages of Workmen	1890,	6000
Contingent Expenses	1890,	1650

April 5th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced upon the sum of $6000 from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, to meet,

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in part the expenses of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 5th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Herewith returned for correction please find pay-roll 416, General Department, pertaining to your Ordinary expense account for the month of march. You will observe that Edward J. Jackson is credited with 4½ days extra time, $12.37, but the amount is extended to the credit of the person next above him on the roll.

Please correct and return without delay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 5th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication today from Ottoman Haupt.* I will thank you to forward it to me as soon as received.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

* stating that a copy of his work has been sent me to Philadelphia.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I would be pleased to have at least one of the bronze copies of the Joseph Francis medal at an early date.
I had hoped that it would be forwarded before this.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 5, 1890.

Henry C. Baird, Esq.,
810 Walnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 3rd. inst. I send you herewith a statement showing the estimate of the stock of money in Great Britain, France and Germany.
The metallic estimates for Great Britain are those of Mr. Freemantle, the Master of the Mint. The bank notes outstanding for each of the countries, are taken from the "Economist" and are official. The estimate of Germany agrees substantially with that of Dr. Soetbeer, and for France is compiled from a review of the best authorities and agrees substantially with the estimate of Mr. Ottomar Haupt.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Henry D. Emerson, Esq.,
Jackson, Amador Co.,
California.

Sir.

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 29th ult. I regret to say that the publications you desire cannot be obtained from any Government collection. The mineral resources of the United States published by the Geological Survey are sold.

You had better apply to Major Powell, Chief of that Survey, in regard to the price of obtaining a set. This is merely nominal.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 5th, 1890.

Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Co.,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

I will thank you to state the lowest price at which you will deliver five [5] tons of the best ingot copper to the United States Mint at New Orleans.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Consolidated Copper Queen Mining Co.,
36 and 37 Wall Street
New York, N. Y.

Hendricks Brothers,
49 Cliff Street, New York, N. Y.

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Telegram

Collector of Customs
El Paso, Texas.

At what value do you reckon silver in importations of lead ores? Answer by wire.

E. O. Leech
Director.

April 7, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address.

Philadelphia Dollars ($1,000,000.) One Million

Assay Office St. Louis Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.) Assayer in Charge at St. Louis

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April 7th. 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of O. C. Bosbyshell, Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of four hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars [$465,000] on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by the transfer of a like sum.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 7th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of April, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $226.60, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1890, $ 226.60
Wages of Workmen,
Contingent Expenses,

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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April 7th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

C. D. No. 83. for $70.76. being on account of Melting Assaying and stamping charges, inclosed in your communication of the 4th inst., has been received properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

C. D. No. 834 for $321.54 + + + Sale of old material $35.31, By product $286.23 inclosed in your communication of the 31st ult., has been received properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit as usual. - -

April 7th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending March 31, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

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April 7, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York,

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

($1,000,000.-)

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis.

Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.)
at St. Louis.

April 7th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the

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rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by drafts on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:
Fourth National Bank 97000 Ounces, at $0.9610
Handy & Harman 50000 Ounces, at $0.9615

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 7th 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name the sum of four hundred and sixty five thousand dollars ($465,000) on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that your bullion fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1890.

Hon. H. F. Bartine
House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation of this morning relative to the bill authorizing the recoinage of the $2000000 of abraded and uncurrent subsidiary silver coins now in the Treasury of the United States and carried as an unavailable asset of the Government, into new coin of such denominations as the

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people need, and the payment of the loss incident to such re-coinage from the profits which have been made on the manufacture of silver coins what is commonly called "seigniorage", being the difference between the cost of the bullion contained in the coins and the face, or nominal, value of such coins, I would say that nearly $19,000,000 of the subsidiary coins in the Treasury at the present time are half-dollars largely abraded by actual wear, and for which there is no popular demand.

The records of the Department show that the tendency for some years past has been for half-dollars to accumulate in the Treasury.

It is impossible to give you any accurate idea as to the actual number of half-dollars in circulation.

The total coinage of half-dollars since the organization of the Mint to the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889 has been $122,822,414.50, but no record has been kept, except for the last few years, as to the different denominations of silver coins melted for recoinage.

It will be remembered that we commenced the coinage of half-dollars in 1793 and that it was not until 1853, when the fractional silver pieces were reduced in weight in order to prevent their leaving the country, that the paying quality of those coins was changed from a full legal tender to a limited tender, so that it may safely be said that the great bulk of the half-dollars coined prior to 1853 left the country.

The same remark will apply very largely to the half dollars coined between 1853 and 1873, although many coined in this latter period returned to the country. Of those coined since 1873

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the great bulk are now in the country.

As a mere appropriation or guess, without any special knowledge of the subject, I would say that the stock of half-dollars in the United States at the present time, including those in the Treasury, may be placed at somewhere between $40,000,000 and $50,000,000.

As bearing upon the propriety of the measure referred to, I beg to say that the only loss which it is proposed to pay in connection with this recoinage is the actual loss by wear from the standard weights of the coins with the slight loss in melting.

What this loss will amount to it is difficult to say but it certainly will not exceed $40,000 on each $1,000,000 of coins recoined.

I do not believe that it will amount to nearly that sum. It is not proposed to pay any of the expenses of recoinage such as the wages of workmen or the cost of material used, from the "silver profit fund" but only the actual difference between the weight of the coins as issued and the weight of the coins as melted.

Certainly it is the duty of the Government, a duty uniformly recognized by all Governments, and which has been recognized by this Government in the way of annual appropriations for this purpose, to see that its subsidiary and change coins are kept in first class condition, and in order to relieve the Treasury of this incubus of uncurrent coins as well as to provide the people with a desirable form of change money.

It seems eminently proper that instead

of waiting for small annual appropriations for the purpose the loss incident to this recoinage should very properly be paid from the large profits made by the Government upon the manufacture and issue of the pieces themselves.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer for Philadelphia accepted that for New Orleans declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

April 7, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau St.
New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director.

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April 8, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending March 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address.

Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts
Assay Office at New York

April 8, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending Mch. 31st, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 8th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper ac-

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counting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending March 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 8th., 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar expense accounts for the month ending March 31st. 1890. Attention is called to an error in the calculation of lost time charged against Fanny L. Griffith, Adjuster, Coiner's department - 1 day and 1 hour would amount to $2.25 instead $3.00, the deduction made from her pay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday relative to a set of keys for the locker enclosing the casket containing the Troy pound, I beg to acknowledge the receipt by express to-day of an envelope containing the

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keys referred to which will be kept in the safe in this bureau.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

April 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to Voucher No. 20 of your refinery account for the month of October, being a bill of the Baltimore Copper Co., the accounting officers of the Department have directed my attention to the fact that there is no certificate to this bill, and others in your accounts, that the goods have been received. The bill is marked correct by the melter and refiner and approved by the Superintendent and receipted by the proper officer of the Co., but the regulations of the accounting offices require that some proper officer of the Mint shall certify on all bills for supplies that the articles enumerated have been received.

You will see that this is done hereafter in all bills embraced in your ordinary and refinery accounts.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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April 8th, 1890.

Safford R. Hamer Esq.,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have received from the President of the United States a commission, bearing date the 28th ultimo, appointing you by and with the advice and consent of the Senate to the office of Melter of the United States Mint at Denver Colorado. Before entering upon the duties of the office it will be necessary for you to execute a bond in the penal sum of $10,000 for which purpose you will find the necessary blanks enclosed herewith.

The bond will be executed before a Judge or Clerk of a United States Court or a Clerk of a Court of record and after completion will be forwarded to this Bureau for the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury). Your Commission will then be mailed you and upon receipt of same you will subscribe to the usual official oath and enter upon the discharge of the duties of your office.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 8th, 1890.

J. H. Hickcox, Esq.,
#906 M. Street N. W.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please find herewith returned your bill for $5.00 for subscription to the monthly catalogue of United States Government Publications. This subscription has not been authorized for the calendar year 1890,

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and I will thank you to discontinue sending the catalogue. If there is anything due you to the present time please send bill for the amount and I will order its payment.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 8, 1890.

Telegram

Collector of Customs,
El Paso, Texas.

Telegraphed you on fifth instant "At what value do you reckon silver in importations of lead ores, answer by wire."
No reply has been received. I want to know the average rate for last calendar year.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

April 9, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:
It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventeen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety seven $\frac{98}{100}$ Dollars ($17,997.\frac{98}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Ninety-four $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars ($94.\frac{57}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eighteen Thousand and Ninety-two $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars ($18,092.\frac{57}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum dated April 3, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

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Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 9th, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:
I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Charlotte & St. Louis for the month ending March 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 9th, 1890.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:
I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. for the month ending March 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte.

Sir.

Deposit Memorandum dated April 3, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office, at Charlotte, Shipment No. 3 dated March 31, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $18,135.$\frac{33}{100}$, charges $42.$\frac{76}{100}$, and net value $18,092.$\frac{57}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 9, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the Month ending March 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

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Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing price of silver to ninety six and half cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 9th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Statement of Operations and Earnings & Expenditures, for the quarter ending March 31, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 9th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of April, 1890, has been approved for the sum of $43500.00, payable from the following appro-

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priations made for the Support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$ 3,500
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	25,000
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	15,000

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 9th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $3000 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 9, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $12,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar to meet, in part, the expenses of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech, Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt by express to day of the bronze copy of the Joseph Francis medal.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 9th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver for your mint in lots of less than ten thousand ounces [10,000] will be ninety-six and a half cents [$0.96½] per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 9, 1890.

Hon. E. W. Halford,
Executive Mansion.

Dear Mr. Halford:

Acknowledging the receipt of your notification of the 8th inst. to the effect that the medal struck by resolution of Congress to Joseph Francis the inventor of the life car, will be presented in the Blue Room of the White House at 12 o'clock on Saturday next, I have the honor to say that I will be present at the hour named with the medal.

If agreeable to the President I will bring

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the medal over shortly before the hour named, or at any other time he may wish in order that he and the members of his family may examine it if they desire.
It is a very beautiful specimen of the medal-lic art, the most beautiful and costly that was ever executed at the Mint of the United States.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 9, 1890.

Hon. H. M. Teller
U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir:
The product of silver from the mines of the United States during the calendar years 1889 was approximately 50,000,000 fine ounces, of the commercial value at the average price of silver for the year, of $46,750,000, and of the coining value of $64,646,464.
This is an increase of a little over 4,000,000 ounces over 1888.
The amount of silver contained in foreign ores smelted in the United States during the same year was about 7000000 ounces, this is not included in the above estimate.
In addition, between 5,000,000, and 6,000,000, ounces of silver were imported into the United States principally from Mexico and South America, in base silver bars.
The product of gold from the mines of the United States during the last calendar year was 1,587,000 fine ounces of the value

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of $82,800,000. Practically the same as in the preceding year, a reduction of only $375,000.

Although I have tried my best to obtain the information from foreign countries I am not yet in receipt of reports as to the product of the large producing countries for 1889, and I will not be able to embrace the product of the world for 1889 in my report on the production of the precious metals which I hope to send to Congress this month.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 9, 1890.

Hon. Frank Hiscock,
U. S. Senate,

Dear Sir:

As requested by your clerk I send you herewith a statement showing the movement of the precious metals to and from the United States during the calendar year ended December 31, 1889, and two statements showing approximately the importation of silver-lead ores, principally from Mexico, during the calendar years 1888 and 1889. Similar statements can be furnished for the months of January and February of the present year if desired, but for no later date.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 10, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April, 1890 has been approved for the sum of $868.70, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890	263.70	
Wages of Workmen,	1890	600.	
Contingent Expenses,	1890		
Repairs of Building &c.	1890	5.00	

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 10th., 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd. instant in regard to closing your San Francisco account, I have to request that you will forward a statement showing the balance as per your books. You will also state whether there are any outstanding checks. When this statement is received I will take the necessary steps to have the amount to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco transferred to the Treasury. You will draw no more checks on San Francisco after the receipt of this letter.

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Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 10th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:
Your register of deposits for the quarter ended March 31, 1890 has been received.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 10th 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Register of Gold Deposits for the Quarter ending March 31st 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge,
Denver.

+ + Register of Deposits + + +

April 10th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:
Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint,

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of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000 Ounces, at	$0.9685
Nesslage, Colgate & Co.	50,000 Ounces, at	$0.9680
American Exchange National Bank N.Y.	40,000 Ounces, at	$0.9685

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th instant explaining error in Coiners & Adjusters pay-roll for February, in the case of pay of Fanny L. Griffiths, has been referred to the First Auditor and the roll will be corrected as indicated.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 10th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 2nd. instant in regard to the non-receipt of a telegram from this Bureau of March 31st. advancing the rate of silver to ninety-six cents [$0.96] per ounce fine, I have to inform you that the records of this Bureau show that the

telegram was delivered to the operator of the Western Union Telegraph Company in the Treasury Department—but cannot now be found on the files of the company. You will therefore consider the telegram cancelled so far as relates to your Mint and pay the increased price from the date of the receipt of the official confirmation.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 10th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of March, 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

12 Double Eagles	$ 240.00
24 $ S. Dollars	24.00
Total	$ 264.00

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 10th, 1890.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed

Receive from Selby Smelting and Lead Company forty thousand ounces and pay for same at rate of ninety six and a quarter cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director.

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April 10th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

C.D. No. 230 for $193.52, being on account of Parting and Refining, quarter ending Mch. 31st, 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 7th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you for your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

C.D. No. 231 for $1.95 + + Alloy charges + + + as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

April 10th, 1890.

The Ansonia Brass & Copper Co.,
P. O. Box 2375,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your offer to deliver five [5] tons of the best Arizona ridge copper to the mint at New Orleans at thirteen and one-eighth cents [$0.13⅛] per pound, and one dollar [$1.00] for casks, is accepted.

I will thank you to forward the copper as early as practicable transmitting your account in duplicate to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

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Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Co.,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Your offer to furnish the United States mint at New Orleans with five [5] tons of copper is respectfully declined.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Hendricks Brothers,
49 Cliff Street,
New York, N. Y.

Telegram Confirmed

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American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams Sent to:

Nesbage, Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall St.
New York.

Selby Smelting & Lead Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

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Telegram

Confirmed

Heandy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram

Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
57 Wall St.
New York.

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia.
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 11th. 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Andrew W. Smyth, Superintendent of the United States Mint at New Orleans, La., the sum of two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars [$225,000] on account of profits on the coinage of Silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-two 04/100 Dollars ($16,352.04/100) in Gold Coin, and Two hundred and Sixty-three 79/100 ($263.79/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred and Fifteen 83/100 Dollars ($16,615.83/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandumm dated April 7, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + + + + U. S. Mint at Denver + + Philadelphia, + + Thirty-five Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-four 85/100 Dollars ($35,644.85/100) + + Three Hundred and Fifty-six 05/100 Dollars ($356.05/100) + + + + Thirty-six Thousand and 90/100 Dollars ($36,000.90/100) + + Mint at Denver + + April 5, 1890, + + + + +

April 11, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated April 5, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 24 dated March 31, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $36,091.46/100, charges $90.66/100, and net value $36,000.80/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours.
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address.

No. 24½
$699.65/100, Charges $. ——
net value $699 65/100.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

April 7, 1890 — No. 21
$16,654.71/100, — $88.88/100
$16,615-83/100.

April 11th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name the sum of two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars ($225,000) on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that your bullion fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 11th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I will thank you to procure and forward to the United States Mint at Carson City, one guage tool for dressing milling machine for double eagles and Standard silver dollars, transmitting your account for the same in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 11th. 1890.

Henry Carey Baird, Esq.
810 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant you are informed that there were coined during

the month of March 3,600,265 standard silver dollars making the total coinage to April 1st, $360,126,266.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 11th, 1890.

Walter C. Kennedy, Esq.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have received the gold watch forwarded by you by registered mail on the 7th instant and have forwarded the same to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia who will transmit you the value as soon as determined.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000), by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco by wire.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending March 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, Cal., in gold coin, by wire.

Respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 12th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of March, 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

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6 Double Eagles, $ 120.00
16 $ 5. Dollars 16.00
Total $136.00

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending March 31, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, relative to paying out gold bars in exchange for gold coin for export, I desire to say that I have been in consultation with the Secretary on the subject but we have not as yet reached any conclusion. If however, there should be any demand for gold bars for export you will not pay them out until you have communicated with this bureau by telegraph and received instructions to that effect. I will communicate the decision of the Secretary when it is reached.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 12th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses for the current fiscal year, the account of the New York Daily Press for advertising for proposals for five cent nickel blanks, amounting to twenty-three dollars [$23.00]

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery & Stand. Silver Dollar accounts for the month ending March 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

April 12, 1890.

Chevalier Schmit von Tavera,
Minister of Austria-Hungary.
1537 I St. N. W.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 8th instant I have the honor to say that I will be pleased to furnish your

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Legation with a set of the gold, silver and minor coins struck at the mint of the United States prepared on polished planchets and struck from polished dies, at any time you may desire them.

These coins embrace:

Gold.

Denomination	Value
Double-Eagle	$20.00
Eagle	10.00
Half-Eagle	5.00
Quarter Eagle	2.50
Total gold	$37.50

Silver

Denominations	Value
Standard-dollar	$ 1.00
Half-dollar	50
Quarter-dollar	25
Dime	10
Total Silver	$ 1.85

Minor Coins.

Denominations	Value
Five cent nickel piece	$ .05
One cent bronze piece	.01
Total minor	$0.06
Total Value	39.41

I can also furnish you with a $3 gold piece, a $1 Gold piece and a three cent nickel piece of last year's coinage. No dies have been prepared for the coinage of these pieces for the current calendar year for the reason that a bill has been, upon my recommendation, introduced in Congress and has already passed the House, discon-

-tinuing the coinage of these pieces.
There is no authority of law to furnish coins to foreign governments, or for any purpose, unless the Mint is reimbursed.
The cost to the Austria-Hungarian Legation for this set of coins will be exactly their face value.
In regard to medals, I enclose herewith for your information a list of the medals which have been struck at the Mint of the United States, with the prices at which they are sold.
If your Government should desire a set of these medals I will have them prepared and furnished to you at exactly cost.
I am, sir, with great respect,
Your obedient servant,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1890.

Joseph Francis Esq.
127 6th. St. S. E.

Dear Sir:
I send you for your personal use photographs of the medal presented to you today.
Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1890.

Hon. Wm. M. Evarts,
U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir:
I send you herewith photographs of the obverse and reverse of the gold medals pre-

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-cuted by the President to Joseph Francis.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1890.

Hon. Joseph H. Walker,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have added to the statement showing the movement of specie to and from certain countries, which you left with me this morning, the movement so far as this bureau has been able to ascertain it, of the various countries. I think this table is very complete as it stands, and embraces substantially the movement of the principal countries of the world for the years embraced in it.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

The German Empire was not formed until 1872.

E. O. L.

April 12, 1890.

S. Dana Horton, Esq.,
"The Arno"
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I send you herewith a statement compiled from the bullion accounts of the United States Mints showing the purchases of silver, and the rate paid, for the Calendar years 1872, 1873, and 1874.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 14, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Thirty one Thousand and Forty-five 39/100 Dollars ($31,045 39/100) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Seventy-nine 98/100 Dollars ($379.98/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-one Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-five 37/100 Dollars ($31,425 37/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena as shown by Memorandum dated April 8th, 1890, of Gold Bullion at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 14, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000-) by the transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz:

$20,000.- with Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York
10,000 " Commercial National Bank, Charlotte, N.C.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 14th, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of William H. Dimond Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars [$150,000] on account of profits on the coinage of Silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 14th, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the United States Assay Office at New York to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of $28,549.50, payable in 33,587.65 ounces of standard silver bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 14th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts & said Vouchers for the quarter ending Mch 31st, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 14th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

C. D. No. 744, for $113.00 being on account of Melting Assaying & Stamping charges inclosed in your Communication of the 8th inst., has been received properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address,

C. D. No. 745 for $9.75 + + Sweepbar, for the quarter ending Mch. 31. 90 + + — + +

C. D. No 746 for $25.00 + + + Bullion Assays (Special) quarter ending Mch. 31. 90. + + + no personal credit to be

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given you to-day.

2 Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

C. D. No. 851. for $282.93 Alloy charges, qr. ending Mch. 31, 90. 7/2 Trust personal credit to be given you to-day

C. D. No. 852 for $10,709.74 Parting & Refining charge qr. ending Mch. 31. 90. 7/2 Trust personal credit to be given you to-day to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and Refining bullion.

April 14th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Your requisitions for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of April, 1890, have been approved for the sum of $9,500, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$2,500
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	5,000
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	1,000
Parting & Refining,		1,000

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Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 14, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to ninety seven cents per ounce fine to-morrow.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 14, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Thirty Thousand Dollars, ($30,000.-) and that $29,000 of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, and balance of $1,000 with Commercial National Bank, Charlotte N. C.

E. O. Leech
Director.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated April 8, 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 25 dated March 31, 1890 has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $31,504.$\frac{86}{100}$, Charges $79.$\frac{89}{100}$ and net value $31,425.$\frac{97}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 14th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of $28,549.50, payable in 33,587.65 ounces of standard silver bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the United States assay office at New York to that of your mint of $28,549.50 payable in 33,587.65 ounces of standard silver bullion.

When received you will take up and treat this bullion as a purchase for the silver dollar coinage.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 14th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 13th ultimo in regard to Army Marksmanship medals, I have the honor to state that the War Department is very anxious that these medals should be finished as soon as possible.

The delay in striking the medals has already been very great, and I have to urge upon you the necessity of these medals being struck and forwarded immediately.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 14th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co.,	150,000 Ounces, at	$0.9750
Dandy & Harman,	25,000 Ounces, at	$0.9760
Dandy & Harman,	25,000 Ounces, at	$0.9770

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 14, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at your Mint will be ninety seven cents, per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 14th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to day requested the Secretary of Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the

United States in your name on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars [$150,000], and that your bullion fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 14, 1890.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed

Receive twenty thousand ounces from Anglo-Californian Bank at ninety-seven cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director.

April 15th. 1890.

Hon. W. F. Wilcox,
Chairman 5th Sub Committee on Claims,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th. inst. enclosing House Bill 2458 for the relief of the heirs of James C. Booth late Melter and Refiner of the mint at Philadelphia, and asking for such information as may be on file in the Department in regard to the same, I have the honor to report on the advisability of allowing the claim as follows:

The rest of the letter similar to one on page #262 addressed to:

Hon. Justin S. Morrill

dated March 15th 1890

from paragraph beginning "Professor James C. Booth was

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appointed Melter and Refiner" [illegible]

April 14, 1890.

Prof. Thomas Egleston,
35 West Washington Square,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th instant. The slip enclosed is cut from an old set of regulations issued prior to the Coinage Act of 1873. I have corrected the same as far as practicable, and return it herewith. The value of a grain of pure gold is given in the slip as $4.20 which is a misprint. It should be 4 3/10 cents.

The Silver dollar contains 371¼ grains, at which rate the value of an ounce of fine Silver would be $1.29+.

The Coining value of the standard ounce of gold is $18.60+.

The Coining value of one ounce of standard Silver in the Silver dollar is $1.16 2/11.

One dollar in subsidiary Silver Coins contains 385⅘ grains of Silver, 9/10 fine, or 347.22 grains of pure Silver.

The mint definition of standard gold is gold and Silver containing 900 parts of the precious metals and 100 parts of Copper alloy, hence any one of our Gold or Silver coins contains 900 parts of gold or Silver and 100 parts of Copper alloy.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech,
Director.

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Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Your Offers accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director

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Telegram Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51, Wall St.,
New York.

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia.
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your communication of the 8th inst. and five packages marked "Coins A" "Coins B" "Blanks" "C. C. proof 1890" and two silver dollars, have been received and turned over to the assayer of this bureau for test. I will let you know the result. In regard to the appointment of a sampler, while I have no objection to the employment of any person whose services you consider essential I do not think that such a position exists in the other mints, and I see no reason why the samples of ingots for assay cannot be taken by some one already in the service.

Very respectfully
S. O. Leech
Director.

April 15, 1890.

Telegram formula

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Telegraph at close of business sixteenth instant amount and cost of local purchases of silver in April.

S. O. Leech.
Director.

Similar telegram to:

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

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Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of silver 98 ninety-eight cents per ounce fine this morning.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 15th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of March, 1890, and forwarded for test, as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at your Mint will be ninety eight cents, per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E.O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 15, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst. in reference to paying the employés the full amount of wages on the last working day of each month. I have to say that I leave the matter entirely to you, and you can exercise your own judgment.

Very respectfully,
E.O. Leech
Director.

I would pay them on the two last days of the month. The only risk you take is in case of death between pay day and the end of the month.

E.O.L.

April 15, 1890.

Mrs. James Ross,
529 Jurk St.
San Francisco.

Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 4th inst. addressed to Hon. James G. Blaine and referred by him to this Department, you are informed that your letter has been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, to whom your letters of recommendation were sent, with instructions for him to return them to you.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 15, 1890.

I. W. Burham, Esq.
Cashier Bank of West Superior,
West Superior, Wis.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant enclosing a draft for $100.- for return in nickels has been referred to the Superintendent U. S. Mint, Philadelphia to whom it should have been sent.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 16, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Boisé City National Bank, Boisé City, Idaho.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 16, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Boisé City National Bank.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 16, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to ninety-nine cents per ounce fine. By morrow.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

April 16, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be ninety-nine cents, per ounce fine, at your Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 16, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., relative to the opening of a new door and the closing of the one now existing between

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certain rooms in the old custom house building, I have referred your communication to the Supervising Architect with the request that the change requested be made.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 16, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will instruct Mr. Boyd to execute a new bond as required by the Department. The fact that one of the sureties is dead, and the property which has passed to heirs is difficult to follow, would operate somewhat to relieve the other surety, and the Department is of the opinion he should execute another bond at once.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 16th, 1890.

Anaconda Brass & Copper Co.,
19 and 21 Cliff Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith your account for five [5] tons of ingot copper shipped the United States Mint at New Orleans, with the request that you will receipt and return the same, as it will facilitate the payment thereof.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Dr. S. R. Hamer,
U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your official bond as melter of the U. S. Mint at Denver is herewith returned, being defective in two particulars, viz: the date of the Commission must be inserted in the body of the bond and the certificate as to the sufficiency of the sureties must be signed by the Clerk (or a District Judge or Attorney) of the United States, and not by a Deputy Clerk.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Mr. Kimaro Sato,
Charge d'Affaires
Legation of Japan
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a copy of the "Report of the Director of the Imperial Mint" for the year ending 31st March 1889."

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 17th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon "Special" assay coins taken from delivery No. 9. also upon samples marked "Coin A" C," "Coin B"

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"Blank 5" and "C.C. Proof". An equivalent of silver is returned for "Coin A", "Coin B", "Blank 5" and "C.C. Proof".

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 17, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one dollar per ounce fine to-morrow.
Buy all you can.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram to:

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 17, 1890

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one dollar per ounce fine, to-morrow.

E. O. Leech
Director.

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April 7th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 90000 Ounces, at $1.0150

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Haslage Colgate & Co., 25000 Ounces, at $1.0115

April 17, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of Silver at your Mint in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be one dollar per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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E. Westermann & Co.,

Gentlemen;

You will please order for the Bureau of the Mint the following work:

1. E. Rochwag, L'Or et l'argent. Production, consommation et circulation des métaux Précieux. Paris, Dunod, 1889. Vol. I. has already appeared, I shall want the second as soon as it is out.
2. Handwörterbuch der Staatswissenschaften. Herausgegeben von J. Conrad etc., Band I, and the others when they are out. I want this volume bound not in numbers, and do not want the other volume except when complete and bound.
3. A. Coste. La question monétaire en 1889
   1. Discours au Congrès International
   2. Compte Rendu des Débats. 3 Rapport sur les Materialien du Docteur A. Soetbeer

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 17, 1890.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.
E. O. Leech
Director.

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April 17, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed.

Messrs Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 18, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, D. T.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant in relation to the bill of the Salt Lake City Daily Tribune for subscription, I have to say that if you will approve the bill and certify the receipt of the paper I will cause it to be paid here. In regard to the matter of subscription to your territorial papers, I am of the opinion that the benefits to be derived therefrom would not warrant the expenditure.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

April 18, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, D. T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending March 31st, 1890.

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Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Ordinary & of Refinery Expense Accounts,

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

bullion accounts & Quarter

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Statistical Expense Account
fiscal year ending June 30, 1890

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Statistical Expense account
fiscal year ending June 30, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Medal Fund & Quarter & March 31, 1890 &

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April 18th 1895.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Ida.

Sir:

The accounting Officers decline to pass upon your vouchers for the last quarter's ordinary accounts because the receipt of the articles purchased is not certified upon the face of the vouchers, as required by Section 7, Article 26 of the Instructions and Regulations. In order to avoid a suspension of these accounts it will be necessary to forward a Certificate for each account showing that the Articles enumerated were received before payment was made, and hereafter each voucher will have the words "Articles herein enumerated received," written or stamped upon its face and signed by the receiving Clerk or Storekeeper, as required by the section referred to above.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

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(Circular letter)

April 12, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Herewith inclosed please find a supply of blank biographical cards which are required by the Secretary of the Treasury for file in the appointment division of the Department. The names of all employes now in the service will be filled in with the least practicable delay, and the cards returned to this bureau; and hereafter all letters of appointment must contain the information required by the card.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver Colo.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

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Similar letters to one on preceding page, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

April 18, 1895

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

C. D. No. 754 for $100.75 being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for Contingent Expenses Office of Director of the Mint, 1895, inclosed in your communication of the 16th instant, has been received properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your statistical accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the above appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. Ca.

C. D. No. 130 for $14.35 9th instant

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

C. D. No. 856 for $683.36 being on account of By-products (Sale of Copper solution) inclosed in your communication of the 11th inst., has been received properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Two (2) Similar letters except as here noted to same address.

C. D. No. 856 for $7571.74 + + Melting, Parting + Refining, Qr. ending March 31/90 + + + personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts + + + to the credit of the appropriation for parting & refining bullion. + + + +

C. D. No. 856 for $32.70 + + Alloy charges + + + personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts + + + + as a Miscellaneous receipt. + + +

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

C. D. No. 7664 for $605.00 + + + Profits on Medals and Proof Coins 1st Quarter 1890 + + personal credit + + Medal Fund accounts + + Miscellaneous receipts.

April 18th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I have to request that you will prepare and forward to this Bureau a form of advertisement for such supplies as will probably be required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.

" " " " "
" by your Office " " "

April 18th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account receipted in duplicate, of the Ansonia Brass & Copper Company for ten thousand [10,000] pounds of copper shipped you on the 12th instant. On receipt of the copper you will please forward the Company a draft on New York for the amount viz: one thousand three hundred and twenty dollars and fifty cents [$1,320.50]. To enable you to make

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this payment in this manner I have requested that one thousand three hundred and twenty dollars and fifty cents [$1,320.50] be advanced you from the appropriation for the coinage of Silver dollars and placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 18th. 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th. instant enclosing a Schedule of supplies which will be required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, I have to request that you will prepare, and forward a form of advertisement inviting proposals for the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 18th. 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant You are informed that the model of the Indian Peace Medal was duly received at this Bureau and forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for examination and return to this office. Nothing has been heard since. I will make inquiry and inform you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of yesterday relative to a new door for the small vault in the Cashier's room, I have referred your letter to the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, with the request that a steel door be erected at once.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 18, 1890.

Alfred Richardson, Esq.,
1840 N. 12th St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
Your communication of the 22nd. ult., addressed to Hon. James G. Blaine and referred by him to this bureau, relative to your reinstatement in the Philadelphia Mint has been received and referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Ansonia Brass & Copper Co.,
P. O. Box 2375
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:
I have forwarded your account to the Superintendent of the United States

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mint at New Orleans with instructions to forward you a draft on New York for the amount, viz: One thousand three hundred and twenty dollars and fifty cents [$1,320.50], on receipt of the copper.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 19th, 1890.

S. G. Brock Esq.
Chief of Bureau of Statistics,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of current date I transmit herewith a statement showing the gold value of the silver contained in the silver dollar at the annual average price of silver bullion from 1868 to 1889, inclusive.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 19th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant in regard to an electric motor for the assayer's laboratory, you are authorized to procure the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 19, 1890.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery division Treasury Department for stationery shipped you on the 19th of March, 1890, amounting to $12.64 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office fiscal year 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

28th of January 1890, $46.37 your Mint

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

5th of March $36.44

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

19th of March, $126.66 your Mint

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April 19, 1890.

Phoenix Manufacturing Co.,
Taunton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 17th inst. you are respectfully informed that the advertisements for Mint supplies will be published as usual in the daily papers and that no special notice will be sent to any dealers.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 19, 1890.

Telegram

Wm. P. St. John,
Mercantile Nat. Bank,
New York.

Product of silver from our mines last year fifty million fine ounces.
From foreign ores seven thousand ounces. Foreign silver bullion six thousand ounces.
Total product domestic and foreign, fifty three million fine ounces.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 21st. 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant in reference to the receipt of uncurrent

United States gold coin under the circular of September 17, 1889, you are informed that it is unnecessary to obliterate the same unless there should be evidence that it has been used for jewelry, and some substance, such as soldering ink, should adhere to it.
You will therefore calculate the value from the weight, assuming the fineness to be .900, and at the end of the quarter or month you will convert the coin into bar and ship the same with your other bars to the mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 21, 1890.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:
I return by to day's mail in separate package your statistical account for the fiscal year 1890, for correction.
Each travelling expense voucher must have attached the affidavit of the individual who performed the journey, and disbursed the funds. Hotel bills should specify the number of days or fractions and the rate. Hussey's bill requires no affidavit.
Please find enclosed with package a few blank forms of the kind required.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Please note pencil remarks on the several vouchers.

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Telegram Confirmed

April 21, 1890.

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Offers of Peters accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director.

April 21st, 1890.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Referring to your statistical expense account for the fiscal year 1890, I return herewith the abstract of disbursements pertaining to it and enclose the regular expense blank of the Department upon which a detailed statement of the travelling expenses incurred by you should be given. Dates must invariably be given and whenever practicable the number of days, meals, lodgings &c. The abstract of disbursements can be attached to this blank and the affidavit must be subscribed as directed in the circular (#124) printed on the back of the form.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 21, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver Colo.

Sir:

You have erroneously taken up in the account Current of your Ordinary ex-

pense account the advances made you from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses Office of Director of the Mint" for the collection of Mining Statistics. A separate account, termed "Statistical expenses" will be rendered of these advances. You will render this account as soon as the bills incurred in connection with the collection of mining statistics are paid, depositing whatever balance may remain in your hands after doing so, and should any bills be delayed they will be approved by you and forwarded to this Bureau for payment.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 21st 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion accounts, with abstracts and vouchers, for the Quarter ending Mch. 31st, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 21, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for

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the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:
Handy & Harman 50,000 Ounces, at $1.01

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 21st, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Accept Harris offer of Seventy thousand ounces at one dollar one. Offer Bank of California same price for from One hundred to five hundred thousand ounces and telegraph their acceptance or detraction immediately.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

April 21, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Unless offer to Bank of California has been accepted withdraw it immediately.

E. O. Leech
Director.

April 21st, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:
I enclose herewith the accounts of the "Evening Bulletin" for advertising for proposals for supplies for one-cent bronze and five-cent nickel blanks

amounting to sixty-nine dollars [$69.00], which sum is payable from your appropriation for contingent expenses for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 21st, 1890.

Brigadier-General S. V. Benet,
Chief of Ordnance,
War Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a box containing thirty-seven [37] gold and seventy-three [73] Silver Army Marksmanship medals and ninety-four [94] bronze copies of the same.

I also enclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the medals, mounting, cases and express charges, amounting to the sum of two thousand five hundred and forty-three dollars and twenty cents [$2,543.20], for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted in favor of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia under cover to this Bureau, as early as practicable.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the medals to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Mr. Edmund D. Yard, Jr.,
634, Chestnut St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your communication of the 19th inst. relative to the reinstatement of Mr. Alfred Richardson in the Mint at Philadelphia, has been received and referred to the Superintendent of the Mint in that City.

As requested the enclosures are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 21, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall St.
New York.

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Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau St.,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech, Director.

April 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

On the 15th instant the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia forwarded to you a steel gauge for dressing milling machine. I will thank you to acknowledge receipt of the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-nine cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Herewith returned for correction please find account current pertaining to your

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J. S. Doll. Expense account for the month of March ultimo. The error in this paper consists in your having taken up a payment made at the Department for dies manufactured by the Philadelphia Mint. You should take up on your accounts current only the advances made to you and take credit for disbursements actually made by you. You are advised of the payment of all bills made by the Department, through this Bureau, to enable you to keep your accounts with the several appropriations, but the amounts involved have nothing to do with your accounts, or your Statements of Earnings and Expenditures except at the end of the year and your tabulated Statement. There is no abstract of disbursements with this account and, in examining your account of Ordinary expenses I find that the pay roll of the General Department for the month of March has been omitted therefrom. Please cause the correction of the account Current to be made at once and return, with the omitted papers, at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully Yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your mint for lots of less than ten thousand ounces, will be ninety nine cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 21st instant stating that you had purchased 185,000 ounces of fine silver from the Bank of California at $1.01 and 90,000 ounces from others at the same price, the purchase from the bank will be treated as a department purchase and the others as local. You will note on your books for that day the local rate as $1.01, which is hereby authorized for that day only.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the purchase from J. T. Moulton, February 24th of 8550.88 ounces at 95 3/4 cents. It is extended out as 8187.18 while it should be 8187.46, a difference of 28 cents. This error makes your forms 193 for February, March and April incorrect and I will thank you to forward corrected forms. The statement covering this purchase is enclosed herewith for correction and return to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1890.

The Boston Book Co.,
#15½ Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 19th instant for 1 bound Vol. (1) of "The Green Bag" and Subscription for same for the year 1890 purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to $8.00 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 22, 1890.

Telegram

Wm. P. St. John,
Pres't Mercantile Nat. Bank,
New York.

Coining value silver product United States last year fifty-four million six hundred thousand dollars against fifty-nine million one ninety five thousand in eighteen eighty-eight.
Letter by mail.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

April 22, 1890.

Wm. P. St. John, Esq.,
Pres't Mercantile Nat. Bank,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 21st inst. I would say that my last letter was in reply to yours of Saturday, and I trust you will pardon me for having written it on Sunday but I thought you were in a hurry for the information.

Referring to yours of yesterday, I would say that you are correct in supposing that the silver of Mexican product re-melted in this country as well as the silver ores from Mexico, are included in the 39,000,000 ounces representing Mexico's product. The product of the Mines of Mexico is ascertained by the Mexican authorities by adding to the amount deposited at their Mints the ores and bullion exported to the United States.

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As I telegraphed you to day the product for 1889 is to be compared with the product for 1888, given on page 167 and more fully on page 43 of my last report, but the product for 1888 I gave on the pages mentioned is the product of our own mines while the product that you refer to (67,000,000 ounces) is the product of our own mines and foreign ores. This comparison will not do. The exact comparison I gave you in my last letter, but will repeat it more fully.

Silver Product - United States.

Years.	Fine Ounces.	Commercial Value.	Coining Value.
1888	45,783,632	$43,020,000	$59,195,000
1889	50,000,000	46,750,000	64,646,464

I send you by mail to day a copy of the last report on the production of the precious metals, which gives in more detail the product of the United States for 1888 and also the product of ores smelted, if you wish to make a comparison. I will take great pleasure in sending you a copy of my report on the production of the precious metals for 1889 as soon as it is published.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1890.

Horace White, Esq.,
Editor, New York Evening Post.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday I would say we are coining at the present time 3,700,000 silver dollars in addition to the gold and minor coinage. It would be possible, without serious difficulty, to coin at the Mint at Philadelphia 2,000,000 silver dollars; at the mint at San Francisco 1,000,000; at the mint at New Orleans 1,000,000 and at the Mint at Carson 200000 making a total of $4,200,000. Of course this is in connection with the regular gold coinage.

If the mint at San Francisco was run exclusively on silver coinage they have facilities for coining at least 2,000,000 silver dollars a month, or by running the mints over time it would be possible with their present machinery in conjunction with the regular coinage of gold and minor coins, to execute a coinage of silver dollars approximating between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 pieces a month. Of course this would be a great strain but it could be done with the present mint facilities.

Very Respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1890.

Hon. Joseph H. Walker,
House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:

I send you herewith some information which you requested, relative to the exports of silver from Russia to China, also a statement showing the imports and exports of silver into and from China in her trade with the United Kingdom, British India and the United States.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refinery accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. for the month ending March 31, 1890 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. Note & certificate on abstract of disbursements in matter of overcharge.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1890.

Telegram

Assayer, Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Confirmed.

You can close your San Francisco accounts by giving depositors checks.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:
I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts for the month of March 1890 with my approval except voucher #180 of the Ordinary account, bill for telegrams which are not charged at the new schedule rates.
The difference found, $6.31 is recommended to be disallowed and you will take up same in your next account current.
Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 23, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one dollar per ounce fine.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams & addresses on next page.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I would thank you at the close of business on the 26th instant to state by wire the amount and cost of your local purchases of silver in April.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant in reference to the payment of the wages rolls on the last day of each month and in which you call my attention to Section 6, article 14 of Regulations, page 17, and also to Section 16, Article 29, page 34, requesting to know whether you can use your discretion in suspending these you are informed that I find nothing in the Regulations referred to that would prevent the payment of the rolls on the last day of each month.

The only reason why these rolls could not be paid on the last day of the month would be the inability to prepare them. I find upon inquiry that there are between six and seven hundred per diem employés on the rolls of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing all of whom are paid upon the last day of each month. The practice in that Bureau is to make up the rolls as far as practicable that is by entering the names and rate of compensation, then filling in on the last days of the month the number of days and amount due for service. I think this could be done at your mint. certainly could be so as to pay the per diem employés on the 1st day of the succeeding month. Of course this would require the operating officers to file their time reports for the employés promptly and which they should do so that the employés may be paid with as little delay as possible.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Forward promptly your statements of Deposits and Purchases, Domestic Production and Bars manufactured during March 1890.

You will please cause these statements in future to be forwarded promptly so as to reach this office before 15th of the following month for which they are rendered.

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Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose herewith authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the Chronicle and Bulletin for Proposals for Supplies that will be required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 23rd, 1890.

Henry Carey Baird, Esq.
810 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On April 5th I sent you a statement showing the estimated amount of money in circulation in the principal countries of Europe.

I enclose herewith a similar statement with the United States added. The paper circulation has been corrected from official returns to the latest date.

If you have occasion to use the table and have not already done so, I would prefer that you should use the one sent herewith, marked "A". In compiling this table the metallic reserves of the Bank

of England amounting to about $100,000,000, and of the Bank of France, nearly $500,000,000, and of the Imperial Bank of Germany have been included in the amount of gold and silver in circulation and the total notes issued by these banks in the amount of paper money in circulation, whereas, in the case of the United States the entire amount of gold and silver in the Treasury has been deducted in order to show the amount of money in active circulation. This is an important fact to be noted in making comparisons between the amount of money in circulation in this and in European countries.

In European statistics of circulation, in order to prevent duplication of use, it is customary to deduct from the notes in circulation the metallic reserve held by the banks for their redemption, for the reason that they do not both perform the duty of a circulating medium at the same time. Following this method another table has been compiled which I send you, marked "B", showing the stock of metallic money and ["uncovered"] notes in the same countries. In the latter table so far as relates to the United States, the gold certificates outstanding have been added to the gold stock, and the silver certificates to the silver stock, while both amounts, as well as the $100,000,000 in the Treasury for the redemption of legal tender notes, have been deducted from the amount of paper money in circulation, so that the uncovered paper money in the United States represents $231,007,691 legal

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tender notes, $192,730,050 national bank notes $90000,000, certificates of deposits of legal tender notes and $56,446 old demand notes, a total of $432,793,585 as representing the total "uncovered notes" of the United States. Both of these tables will be embraced in my report on the Production of the Precious Metals, which I hope to send to Congress this week. Thinking that you might be preparing something on the subject of circulation I send them to you in advance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1890.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
#21 Nassau Street,
New York.

Gentlemen;

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant requesting to be informed whether the Mint would receive from you without a charge for refining on account of your sales of fine silver, bar silver running from .899 to .902 fine, you are informed that in case the base metal is copper suitable for ingots there will be no refining charge, but this would be left entirely to be determined by the Mint assay and if it should be found upon assay that the bars required refining the charge for this purpose would be imposed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1890

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Telegraph offers for all the silver you can obtain at a price not exceding one dollar one cent for my action to-morrow morning.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegram to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 24, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100000.-) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, by wire.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 24, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson,

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000.=) in gold coin and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, by Wire.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 24, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Offer of Silver accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 24, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Telegraph any lots of Silver offered this week after four o'clock to my house, five fifteen Fourth Street, for immediate action.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 24, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent Assay Office,
New York.

Telegraph London price of silver to-day.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 24th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending March 31st, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 24th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1653 for $47.30 being on account of Net gain on bullion transferred to Mint, inclosed in your communication of the 22nd inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully Yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Four (4) Similar letters, except as hereinoted to Same address.

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C. D. No. 1654 for $25.08 + + Deposit Melting Room bar & Grains + + + + + + + + + + + +

C. D. No. 1655 for $128.87 + + Charges for melting Assaying & Stamping + + + + + + + +

C. D. No. 1656 for $75.00 + + Sale of old material + + + no personal credit + + + +

C. D. No. 1657 for $4.00 + + Special Bullion Assays + + + no personal credit + + + +

April 25, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1890.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and five cents per ounce fine, to-morrow.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 25, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd inst. I have to say that there is no necessity for returning the vouchers pertaining to your statistical account if you have retained duplicates. You may itemize your travelling expenses, on the blank sent you, as closely as you wish, but care must be observed that the items are embraced in their proper vouchers.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant in reference to uncurrent gold coin, you are informed that no apparatus is provided by the government for testing these pieces.

In case of doubt of the genuineness of a piece, the proper way would be to cut it.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your Mint in lots of less than 10,000 ounces will be one hundred and five cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause to be struck and mounted for the Life Saving Service one gold and seven silver medals. You will also procure a suitable morocco case for each medal.

Please furnish these medals as early as

practicable, transmitting your account for the same to this Bureau for settlement.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It appears that you had on hand on the 31st of March 44,383.69 fine oz. resulting from the melting of worn and uncurrent silver coins transferred to you for recoinage. You are hereby authorized and directed to convert this silver into dimes as early as practicable, as I notice the stock you have on hand is very small, and it is desired that it should be increased without delay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram

Confirmed

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

Harries offer accepted for forty-five thousand ounces at One dollar fine.

E. O. Leech
Director.

April 25, 1890.

Hon. E. H. Conger:
House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Conger:

Referring to the Silver bill which I see by the newspapers has been agreed upon by the republican caucus, permit me to suggest a verbal change, not in any way bearing upon the merits of the measure, which is of importance to our Mints.

In the section which provides for the coinage of silver dollars the language relating to "seigniorage" as I read it in the paper was "which shall be accounted for and paid into the Treasury."

I would suggest that you insert after the word "Treasury" "as provided by existing law" the same provision that is in the act of February 28, 1878 relating to seigniorage.

The purpose of this suggestion is in order to enable us to use the seigniorage, as we have done since 1873, to pay the cost of distribution silver dollars and operative wastage, and cover the "net seigniorage" into the Treasury. Under the language of the bill as I read it in the paper "accounted for and paid into the Treasury" it is doubtful whether any

portion of it could be used.

Of course the intention is to cover the net seigniorage into the Treasury and allow the cost of distributing the dollars, and operative wastage, to be paid, as heretofore from the silver profit fund.

This slight change may be necessary to remove any point that the accounting officers might raise in allowing the payment of bills for transporting silver dollars from the silver profit fund, if the bill should become a law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1890.

John W. Hedenberg, Esq.
#732 Madison Avenue,
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th instant you are informed that offers for the sale of silver in lots of 10,000 ounces and over should be addressed to the Director of the Mint on Mondays and Thursdays of each week in time to reach him by one o'clock P. M. stating the price per ounce fine and the Mint at which deliverable.

The Superintendents of the Mints at Philadelphia New Orleans, San Francisco and Carson are authorized to purchase silver in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at a price authorized from time to time by this Bureau

Offers can be made either by telegraph or letter.

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Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1890.

Messrs. H. Muhr's Sons
#29 & 631 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 24th instant in reference to obtaining a supply of one dollar gold pieces, you are informed that a bill discontinuing the coinage of this piece has been passed by the House of Representatives and is now pending in the Senate. I do not deem it advisable to direct the coinage of any at present.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1890.

Telegram — Boston by Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 24, 1890.

Chas. J. MacDonald Esq.
Supt. Money Order Office,
Post-Office Department.

Sir:

The value of the Sol of Peru based on the average price of Silver in London for the three months ended March 31, 1890 is 70 cents.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 26, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver & that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Forty-five thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-three $\frac{95}{100}$ Dollars ($45,233.\frac{95}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Four Hundred and Ninety $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars ($490.\frac{50}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total of Forty-five Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-four $\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars ($45,724.\frac{48}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 25 dated April 21, 1890 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

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April 26, 1890.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Six 50/100 Dollars ($19,906.50) in Gold Coin and Three Hundred and Twenty-five 57/100 Dollars ($325.57) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-two 07/100 Dollars ($20,232.07) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena as shown by Memorandum No. 26 dated April 21, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 26, 1890.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 25, dated April 21, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 25 dated April 15, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $45,840.84/100 Charges $116.36/100, and net value $45,724.48/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your

Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 26, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Helena.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 26, dated April 21, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia. Shipment No. 26 dated April 12, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $20,279.$\frac{73}{100}$; Charges $47.$\frac{64}{100}$, and net value $20,232.$\frac{09}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 26, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Five Hundred Thousand Dollars placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer at New York to-day. You can draw.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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April 26th, 1890.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:
Your register of deposits for the quarter ended March 31st, 1890, has been received.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 26, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 28, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:
I have the honor to hand you herewith, for transmittal to Congress, a report on the production of the precious metals in the United States for the calendar year 1889.

Respectfully yours,
Edward O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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April 28th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending March. 31st, 1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge,
Denver.

Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending

Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Mont.

Statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mon.

Ordinary Expense
Monthly ending March 31, 1890

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April 28, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21 st. inst. requesting to be furnished with a bill of the stationery shipped to your office in January, I have to say that you are not restricted in your stationery supplies. Your requisition for the next six months, which can now be made at any time, can therefore embrace all that you can reasonably require, without regard to previous requisitions, except that you are required to forward with it an inventory of stationery on hand. There is no such thing as a "final requisition" but the Department is desirous of limiting requisitions to two each year (Vide sec. 27. of the Ins. & Regulations)

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 28, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver Colo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd inst. inclosing statements showing the receipt of articles purchased for the use of your Mint during the months of January, February and March, and requesting to be informed whether the instructions contained in letter from this Bureau of 18th inst. were intended to be additional to, or to replace the stamps "approved and correct" as now used.

I would say that the Department requires

the certification of the "delivery" of the articles purchased by the Operative officer to whose department they pertain, or by the receiving clerk or some one acting in that capacity, and the examination and approval of the voucher by the Supt. or assayer in charge, before payment. The Regulations are silent as to the word "correct" it may, therefore, be taken for granted as unnecessary.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 28, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant in relation to a disallowance made against you on account of an overpayment on a bill for telegraph service in the month of December, I would say, in explanation, that, as the Post Master General's circular fixing the new schedule of telegraphic rates was not issued until October 30th the First Comptroller decided to allow the rates for 1889 to continue in force until November 1st but after that date a disallowance of the difference between the old and new rates should be made in all cases. These disallowances will continue against you monthly until the time of your adoption of the new schedule of charges and you must arrange matters to save loss to yourself with the telegraph company direct. Your demand upon the agent of the company was doubtless the

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best plan to adopt, and it is hoped that you may succeed in arranging the matter satisfactorily to yourself, through Thiss.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 28th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

Sir:

C.D. No. 236 for $24.00, being on account of sale of old material Quarter Ending Mch. 31st indorsed on your communication of the ——, has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Two (2) similar letters, except as noted here, to same address.

C.D. No. 237 for $24.00, + + + special Bullion Assays, + + + + + + + + + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 238 for $198.10 + + + Charges for Melting Assaying & Stamping + + + + personal credit to be given you + + + + + + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

April 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Picayune" and "Times Democrat" for proposals for supplies that will be required by your mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891.

You will please forward copy of the advertisement in the envelope enclosed, to the Editor of the U. S. Government Advertiser.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

"Bulletin", "Evening Telegraph" and "News" for proposals

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

"Mail and Express" and "Tribune" by your Office

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April 28th 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery, at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 50,000 Ounces, at $1.05.75

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Nesslage Colgate & Co. 50,000 Ounces, at $1.05.50
Zimmerman & Forshay 100,000 Ounces, at $1.05625

April 28, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I send you a box by express today, containing the plaster cast of a medal. I expect to be at the Mint to-morrow and will see you in regard to it.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 28, 1890.

Hon. E. K. Conger,
House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:

I send you by mail herewith certain statistical information which you asked for.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 28, 1890.

Hon. John Wanamaker,
Postmaster General.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your reference of the 24th inst. I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco that Mrs. Randall is not to be disturbed in her position.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.
E. O. Leech
Director Mint

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Telegram Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offers declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 28, 1890

Telegram Confirmed

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand at one hundred five and one half cents accepted. Other declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 29, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:
It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that

of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and 95/100 Dollars ($10,700.95/100) in Gold Coin and One Hundred and Ninety-One 65/100 Dollars ($191 65/100) in Silver Coin, making a Total of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-two 60/100 Dollars ($10,892.60/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City as shown by Memorandum, dated April 25, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

April 29, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Samuel C. Wright, Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.) on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery, and Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending March 31st, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R.E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint

April 29, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated April 25, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No 22 dated April 19th, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $10,922 22/100, Charges $29 62/100, and net value $10,892 60/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R.E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint

April 29, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50000.00) to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

April 29, 1890.

Telegram

Confirmed

Superintendent Mint.
Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred three and one half cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your ordinary Refinery & U. S. Dollar accounts for the months ending March 31, 1890 with my approval. Your attention is invited to Supt. 27, especially Sec. 8. of the Regulations, 1888, in connection with Voucher #26. 20. If authority was granted this office has no record of it, and I will thank you to furnish it. Disbursements of this kind will be recommended for disallowance in future.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

April 29, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Should you receive the authority of the Secretary of Treasury to advertise in the "Bulletin" Philadelphia you will please forward the same to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than $10,000.- will be one hundred three and one half cents ($1.035) per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

April 29, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending December 31, 1889, is herewith returned for correction; Contingent expenses should be $271.71 instead of $301.71.

Please send at your earliest convenience corrected statement, and return the one herewith enclosed.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of Mint.

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

In your Bullion and Coin accounts for the quarter ending March 31, 1890, you omitted sending Assay Reports #123, #124 and #125.

Please send same by return mail.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of Mint.

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Messrs. Louis K. Gillson & Co.
#629 F St (N.W.)
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 28th instant, you are informed that the records of the Treasury Department show the sum of $35,221.22 to be due from Green W. Caldwell as Superintendent of the U.S. Branch Mint at Charlotte, N.C.

Respectfully yours,
R.E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

April 29th, 1890.

Telegram

Saffold R. Hamer,
Denver, Colorado.

Your bond approved today and commission forwarded. Subscribe oath on first proximo and enter upon duty.

R.E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Saffold R. Hamer, Esq.
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your official bond as Melter of the U.S. Mint at Denver has this day been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to the Office of the First Comptroller for file.

Please find herewith enclosed your commission, bearing date the 28th ultimo. You will subscribe the usual

oath of Office and enter upon duty on the 1st proximo.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

April 29, 1890.

W. R. McKerson, Esq.
Cashier West Liberty Banking Co.
West Liberty, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th instant transmitting uncurrent coin, has been received and forwarded to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.

April 30, 1890

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 30, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena for the Month ending March 31 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

April 30, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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April 30, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary account for the month of March I have to request an explanation of Voucher #65, herewith enclosed, bill of Whitney Bros. for Ornamental Trees. You will observe the last item "200 Evergreen Dwarf Box Trees @ 15/20 ¢" cannot amount to $20.50, as extended. If this is an error in the price charged or in the number of trees purchased, that can be explained by your duplicate of this voucher. I will thank you to forward it without delay.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

April 30, 1890

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending March 31, 1890 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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April 30, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and two cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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